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YEO FORGERY TRIAL.

RIGHT OF WITNESSES TO BE IN COURT.

JURY QUESTIONS PRESENCE OF MR. KING AND MR. DOVEY.

CHEQUE TRANSACTIONS.

An unexpected interruption of the proceedings in the Carvalho Yeo forgery trial occurred this morning, when the Court resumed, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, manager of the Chartered Bank, who is the foreman of the jury, questioning the right of certain persons to be in Court.

He mentioned the names of Mr. E. R. Dovey and Mr. T. H. King in this connexion, and counsel for the Crown, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., assured the jury that the former would not give evidence in the case, and that Mr. King would not again enter until he gave testimony.

Later in the morning, Mr. F. X. M. da Silva, assistant at the Netherlands Trading Society, caused some surprise by identifying the accused in the dock, though he failed to do so at the Police parade.

He explained to Mr. Jenkin that he was ill at the time of the parade and just took a "sort of a glance" at the line.

WITNESS'S "SORT OF A GLANCE."

A matter concerning witnesses was raised by Mr. A. H. Ferguson when the case was resumed today. He said that in making the following remarks on behalf of the jury, they were not meant in any spirit of criticism. He went on to say that members of the jury had previously noticed witnesses in Court while the case was proceeding and he mentioned the name of Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Potter thanked the jury for raising the point, and stated that Mr. Dovey would not give evidence.

Mr. Ferguson then stated that the presence of Mr. T. H. King had also been noticed.

To that, Mr. Potter replied that the police witnesses usually gave evidence which was not seriously challenged. Mr. King would give evidence to prove the finding of certain articles in the Treasury and his evidence would be merely formal.

His Lordship remarked that, strictly speaking, Mr. King should not be in Court, upon which Mr. Potter gave an assurance that Mr. King would not again enter the Court until his evidence was required.

The first witness to-day was Cheung Yam-chuen, first shroff to the Treasury, who said he had been in the Government service for 23 years. His duties were to distribute all cheques in connexion with works done in the P.W.D., and with regard to pensions, including widows and orphans and the police department.

Witness's Duties.

For the purpose of making payments he received vouchers from the cashier. Usually the vouchers were handed to a clerk who in turn gave them to witness but sometimes he received them direct from the cashier.

When he received the vouchers he made a record of the amount and the payees in a Chinese book. It was after he had checked up to see really a private record of cheques that the vouchers tallied with the cheques he gave the vouchers to a clerk to send to the payees. Witness kept the cheques in his drawer.

Mr. Sheldon:—Do you mean petty cash account?—Yes, that the vouchers themselves are sent to the payees?—No. The clerk writes notifying payees to come and collect the money. When the letters have been written the vouchers are returned to me.

When he had finished payments as shown by the vouchers to be due and had obtained receipts for the cheques, he returned the vouchers to Tsang On-wing.

Referring to his Chinese record book, witness said that there was no entry showing payment to the firms mentioned on the allegedly forged cheques between August 19 and December 31, 1927.

Cheques to Himself.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said he was at the Treasury this morning and left there to attend court. When he left both Chung Man-kun and Tsao Yoon were there.

I notice, looking through the stubs of cheque books, that occasionally cheques are made out in favour of the first shroff of the Treasury. That is yourself?—Yes.

From time to time during the working day you have to get a cheque don't you?—I don't know what you mean.

From time to time during the day you have to get a cheque in favour of the first shroff of the Treasury?—No.

Remark that perhaps witness was mistaken, Mr. Jenkin looked evidence of through the cheque register and pointed out that on December 23, 1927, there were ten such cheques.

For Petty Expenses.

Witness said he did not ask for the cheques. They were made out in his favour to pay petty expenses. The cheques were given by Mr. Black to a clerk who handed them to witness. Vouchers were handed to him at the same time as the cheques. The vouchers were made out by Tsang On-wing. The accused had no connexion with witness's department at all. He was no relation to Chung Man-kin. Witness agreed he was in the office on January 18, but when asked whether he helped to look through vouchers, he said he had nothing to do with them.

He looked through his own Chinese book to see if there was any record of the payments on the alleged forgeries but he received no instructions to do so. He looked of his own accord.

Replied to Mr. J. M. Alves, (jurymen) witness said his Chinese book was an official Treasury book. There was nothing to indicate that that was a record of the numbers of vouchers. It was really a private record of cheques that he could not take the cheques he gave the vouchers to a clerk to send to the payees. With Government money and was kept in the office.

Mr. Alves:—Do you keep the book?

And make vouchers for them?—Yes, you apply for the cheques?—I tell the clerk what amounts I want and he makes out the vouchers.

Wong Woon-nam, the next witness, said he was in charge of the Tung Tak Land Investment Company's office on the sixth floor of China Building. The principal tenant of the floor employed him to collect rents and to let offices.

Witness first saw accused on September 1, 1927 in the Tung Tak office. He gave the name of Yeung Tak and stated he was a house-building contractor, the

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MOTOR LIFEBOATS ON LINERS?

THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

AUTOMATIC DEVICE TO SAVE WIRELESS OPERATORS.

ITS VALUE IN DOUBT.

London, Nov. 27. The extreme peril of the wireless operator in the event of a shipwreck disaster, brought vividly to the fore by the Vestria tragedy, in which Mr. Noel Laughlin, among others, lost his life was discussed in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Robert Thomas (Liberal) asked the President of the Board of Trade whether, with a view to affording wireless operators on board ships a chance of saving their own lives when their ships had to be abandoned, he would order investigations to be made as to the possibility of devising a means whereby wireless apparatus could be set to tap out automatically the S.O.S. signal and the latitude and longitude of the vessel.

No Difficulty.

Sir Philip Cunliffe later replied that he was advised there would be probably no difficulty in devising such an instrument, but he thought, in the ordinary way, it would be of very little use as it would be in operation for a very short time.

It would make no provision, of course, for replying to any messages from ships coming to the rescue. Wireless operators had always behaved with tremendous gallantry and, by remaining at their posts, they had not merely sent out the S.O.S. but had received messages from ships coming to the rescue.

Motor-Lifeboats.

His department would be glad at any time to discuss the value of any automatic apparatus but the difficulties must be borne in mind.

Asked whether he would consider making it compulsory that every passenger boat should carry at least one motor-lifeboat equipped with wireless and wireless receiver, Sir Philip Cunliffe later replied that these questions would be considered at the International Conference on the safety of life at sea which would take place next spring.

Rye Disaster.

The recent disaster to the lifeboat at Rye Harbour, in which seventeen lives were lost, was recalled by a question put by Commander Kenworthy (Labour) as to the position of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Sir Philip Cunliffe later replied that subject to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, the National Lifeboat Institution had always had full responsibility for providing and maintaining the lifeboat service on the coasts of the British Isles. He did not think there was any reason for seeking to take away from the Institution the great public services which it had discharged faithfully and well since it was founded in 1824.

British Wireless.

MORE UNEMPLOYED.

INCREASE AGAIN SHOWN IN RETURNS.

London, Nov. 27. The latest return gives the number of unemployed as 1,364,400, this being 16,242 more than the week before and 238,146 more than a year ago.

British Wireless.

AIR MAIL SERVICES.

London, Nov. 27. The Postmaster General announces that owing to the suspension of certain connecting air services abroad, the letter air mail services to Denmark, Sweden and Norway and the air parcel services to Denmark and Sweden have been suspended until further notice.

British Wireless.

STARTLING NAVAL FIGURES.

BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO DISARMAMENT.

MANPOWER COMPARED

London, Nov. 27.

A most enlightening statement of the comparative strengths of the navies of the world in respect of man-power, was given by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

He ventured a comparison between the personnel of the navies of the Great Powers in July, 1914, and July this year. In round figures they were

	1914.	1923.
Britain	146,000	101,000
Denmark	5,000	8,200
America	67,000	113,000
Japan	50,000	85,000
France	69,000	62,000
Italy	40,000	46,000

The figures showed that only Britain and France had reduced their personnel, the United States having almost doubled.

In reply to a further question, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman said he had always tried to point out that this country had done more in the direction of disarmament than any

ILLNESS OF PRINCE GEORGE DENIED.

Press Rumours Described as
Entirely Incorrect.

IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.

London, Nov. 27.

The Admiralty announces that the Commander-in-Chief, America and the West Indies Station, reports that rumours appearing in the press as to the illness of Prince George are entirely incorrect.

His Royal Highness is in excellent health.—British Wireless.

Prince George, who was for a time on the China Station, is now continuing his naval training as a Lieutenant on H.M.S. Durban on the West Indies Station.

other, and as regards the future, he would do his best to see that this country was secure.—Reuter and British Wireless.

American Gesture.

Washington, Nov. 27.

Mr. F. A. Britten, the Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, has cabled to Mr. Stanley Baldwin suggesting that a joint meeting of a committee composed of members of the British Parliament and of the U. S. Naval Affairs Committee, should be held in Canada after March 3rd, to discuss the subject of equality of sea-power between Britain and the United States in all classes of warships not affected by the Washington Arms Conference.

He suggests that the members should submit reports to their respective Governments after the conference.—Reuter.

GRAF ZEPPELIN FOR NORTH POLE.

ARCTIC FLIGHT TO BEGIN IN 1930.

Berlin, Nov. 27. Dr. Eckener, the designer of the Graf Zeppelin, and Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, have recently been conferring with the Ministry of Transport with a view to an airship flight over the North pole.

It has been decided to grant permission for the Graf Zeppelin to fly over the Arctic for scientific purposes. The financial end of the flight will be in the hands of the Aero Arctic Society.

Dr. Nansen is the President of the Society for the Exploration of the Arctic.—Reuter.

NEW SHIP LAUNCH AT TAIKOO.

MRS. SOUTHERN NAMES "PANGKOR."

SPLENDID STEAMER FOR STRAITS SERVICE.

THE "DOUBLE THIRD."

The third vessel of her class to leave the slips at Taikoo Dockyard, the twin-screw steamer "Pangkor," built to the order of the Straits Steamship Company for service in the Malay Archipelago, was launched this morning, the naming ceremony being performed by Mrs. Southern, wife of His Excellency, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, who was also present.

Incidentally, it was the third occasion on which Mrs. Southern had taken a principal part in a launching ceremony. The new craft took to the water gracefully, amid great enthusiasm.

Mr. Brown's Speech.

Mr. N. S. Brown presided at the reception held subsequent to the launching, and, on behalf of the Taikoo Dock, made a brief speech, thanking Mrs. Southern and those present. He said it gave him great pleasure to see so many present at the launching, and they were greatly indebted to Mrs. Southern for carrying out the naming ceremony. The "Pangkor" was the third of her class to be built and launched by the Taikoo Dock and it was to be hoped that she was by no means the last. If he might say so, the ships had proved agreeable in design and capabilities, and it was notable that her two sisters had been employed for some time in the Eastern Archipelago with conspicuous success and were doing excellent work. He asked those present to drink to the health of Mrs. Southern and to the long life and prosperity of the ship.

After the toasts had been honoured, Mrs. Southern was presented with a gold cigarette case, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the occasion.

Mrs. Southern's Speech.

Mrs. Southern, replying, said:—Your Excellencies, Mr. Brown, ladies and gentlemen, I feel it a great pleasure and a great honour to be invited to name the good ship "Pangkor" to-day, and I am unable to express by thanks adequately for the beautiful souvenir presented to me by my kind friend, Mr. Nollage Brown, on behalf of Taikoo. The launching of a ship is so thrilling an incident that one needs no reward for performing the ceremony. But I shall treasure this memento of a very interesting event.

My husband said the other day that a wedding was the only occasion on which he felt impelled to quote poetry, but I must confess I think the launching of a ship appeals to one's poetic nature in a very special way. And especially does one feel that there is a subtle compliment in asking a woman to launch a ship, for every ship of every kind and class is known as "she." We must have a sisterly feeling for ships. Moreover, we have a classic example of a woman concerned with a launching—a launching on a very large scale, according to the Elizabethan poet. You see I am edging towards poetry. You remember the lovely lady Helen who caused so much trouble so many centuries ago. Marlowe says of her:—

"In this face that launched a thousand ships
And burnt the topmost towers of Ilion."

Well, I could not hope to launch even one ship, by the means that Helen employed, so I am content to launch this ship, and to enjoy it thoroughly in a straightforward way, with a bottle of champagne.

But I must not talk any more nonsense. All I wish to add is that I compliment the builders of the "Pangkor" on the admirable work they have put into her. I gather she is the third ship of this class that has been built by Taikoo, and that is the third ship I have had the honour of launching. Three, they say, is a lucky number. I hope the "Pangkor" will be fortunate in every way. I shall feel I have a permanent and abiding share in her, and I shall follow her fortunes with keenest interest.—(Applause.)

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SHANGHAI MURDER INQUEST.

MR. DUDLEY LAW GIVES HAZY ACCOUNT OF TRAGEDY.

MIND ALMOST BLANK.

Shanghai, Nov. 27. A poignant atmosphere prevailed at the final stages of the inquest this morning concerning the death of Miss Dorothy Thompson, by reason of the fact that Mr. Dudley Law, who was shot down at the same time, was able to give evidence for the first time.

It will be remembered that Mr. Law was shot through the head, his skull being fractured, and that his life was despaired of. Although permitted after a long illness to leave hospital, he has never recovered the full use of his faculties, and he was unable to give more than a very hazy account of the tragic occurrence.

The evidence he gave to-day shed very little further light on the tragedy.

While understanding the questions put to him, Mr. Law was unable to recollect material details. He remembered that three shots were fired and that he saw Miss Thompson fall to the ground. He also noticed two Chinese carrying pistols, while there were several other Chinese further along the road (Kewick Road).

Beyond that his mind was a perfect blank. He declared he had no enemies in Shanghai, and that he was positively certain that the Chinese did the shooting. He expressed a belief that robbery was the motive of the crime.

Miss Thompson was a nurse attached to the Victoria Nursing Home in Shanghai, and was an old friend of Mr. Dudley Law's family.

It is understood that the latter's relatives are on their way to Shanghai for the purpose of taking him home permanently.—Our Own Correspondent.

(Recently, three Chinese confessed to the shooting.)

NEW YORK MURDER SENSATION.

SIX ARRESTED IN CONNEXION WITH RECENT CRIME.

POLICE GUARD A JURY!

New York, Nov. 27.

The police authorities after an interval of three weeks have at length instituted proceedings for the apprehension of the murderers of Mr. Arnold Rothstein, a well-known figure on the American turf, who was shot while walking in the street by an assailant from a motor-car containing three men.

The car dashed off at full speed, leaving Mr. Rothstein lying on the pavement seriously wounded. He died in hospital later.

Action was taken to-day for the first time. After a Grand Jury, who were protected by the police guard, which is a very unusual procedure, had heard a number of witnesses, the police arrested five of the witnesses.

Formally charged, they were admitted to bail, the total approximately \$22,000.

Subsequently, George McManus, who was held to be an intimate friend of the deceased, was arrested.

McManus has been the object of an intensive police search.—Reuter's American Service.

GENERAL BOOTH OUT OF DANGER.

DOCTORS HOPEFUL OF A COMPLETE RECOVERY.

London, Nov. 27.

General Bramwell Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army is reported to be out of danger, and his medical advisers are hopeful for a complete recovery.

No further bulletins are to be issued.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 27.

His Majesty's fleet repair ship Resource, was to-day launched at Vickers and Armstrongs yard at Barrow by Mrs. Headlam, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Headlam, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty.—British Wireless.

PRINCE OF WALES RETURNING.

HIS MAJESTY SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

MORE HOPEFUL BULLETIN LAST NIGHT.

CRUISER FOR PRINCE.

London, Nov. 27.

"The King had a less disturbed day. His temperature is lower than at the corresponding hour last evening and his strength is maintained," states the bulletin issued to-night by Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hevett.

The Admiralty has ordered the cruiser, H.M.S. Enterprise to proceed from Aden to Dar-es-Salaam to be at the disposal of the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales has cabled to Mr. Stanley Baldwin from Dodoma: "In view of His Majesty's illness, I and my brother are returning to England as soon as possible."

It is understood that the Prince's decision is not the result of any message recalling him, but has been taken entirely on his own initiative.

Some Sleep.

Reuter understands that His Majesty obtained a certain amount of sleep during the day and this undoubtedly has resulted in the improvement noted.

The phrase "strength maintained" which appears in to-night's bulletin and in most of the previous bulletins, is described in authoritative circles as "all important."

It is emphasised that the doctors are able to include the phrase to-night showing that the King continues to keep up his "strength against the disease."

A high official of the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace stated that the announcement that H.M.S. Enterprise had been placed at the disposal of the Prince of Wales must be read in conjunction with to-night's favourable bulletin, to which the Admiralty announcement was issued as an addendum.

Outlook More Favourable.

A well-known doctor not connected with the Court, interviewed by Reuter, described to-night's bulletin as most reassuring and hopeful. He expressed the opinion that the outlook is favourable indeed.

The Duke of York, speaking at a luncheon given by the British Post Advertising Association at Stationer's Hall to-day, said:

"I am glad to be able to tell you there is a slight improvement in the King's condition this morning. Some of you will know what pleurisy is and how depressing it can be. There are two things to be remembered from the nature of the illness, namely, that progress must be slow and that there must be ups and downs, but progress has been made."

This announcement was received with enthusiastic applause.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, speaking at Dartford, said that the latest news of the King was distinctly better. He saw the Duke of York before leaving London and the Duke told him that His Majesty had had a better night and was easier to-day.

Hopes for Still Better News.

"The King is going on well," said the Home Secretary, "and we have reason to hope that before long you will get better news still."

Indication that the public anxiety regarding His Majesty was also affected by the fact that the Queen and Princess Mary left the Palace during the afternoon to pay some personal visits. They were warmly cheered by the large crowds waiting outside the gates of the Palace.

Worldwide Sympathy.

Messages are being received from all parts of the Empire and other countries expressing sympathy with the King and the Royal Family and hopes for His Majesty's speedy recovery.

It is understood that the Prince of Wales has been receiving the substance of the bulletins regarding the King's illness. The messages are sent first to Dar-es-Salaam, in Tanganyika, which they reach in about two hours. They are then transmitted to Dodoma, whence they are despatched by courier, using a motor lorry, to the Prince's camp at Kondon, 160 miles within the bush.—Reuter and British Wireless.

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THE CARVALHO YEO TRIAL.

SIGNATURES POSSIBLY GOT BY TRICK.

At the trial of Carvalho Yeo yesterday afternoon, Mr. C. McL. Messer, the Colonial Treasurer, was further cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, and, in reply to questions, he admitted the possibility of the cheque signatures, if not forged, being obtained by a trick.

Asked how he knew the cheques were forgeries Mr. Messer said he knew they were not Government cheques, the writing was not that of Tsang and the signature was too neat to be his own.

You formed the opinion that the body of the cheque was in an imitation of Tsang's writing?—Certainly.

Mr. Black was in the room at the time the cheques were examined?—Part of the time.

Did he express any view as to authenticity of the signature. He said that if the cheque had been covered up except the signature he would have thought it was his. He also said that he could not have signed the cheque.

Was Tsang invited to give any opinion about the writing on the body of the cheque?—No, but I think he made some remark about it being absurd to take it for his writing.

He was also protesting in his own manner that the body of the cheque was in his hand?—He said it was not his.

Then all three of you said the writing was not yours?—Yes.

The Arrest of Tsang.

Why was Tsang arrested and kept in prison for twenty days?—That was up to the Police. I told Mr. King not to, but it was Police business.

You were very intimately concerned with this matter. You are a very senior officer in the Government and the only assistance you give me on this point why Tsang was arrested and kept for twenty days is that it was up to the Police?—I told Mr. King that I did not believe Tsang guilty and did not want him taken away. On the face of it it was not his writing.

Did you also make it equally clear that your signature was a forgery?—I tried to, but he did not take it that way. I pointed it out to Mr. King, but he went on.

Repeating the question, Mr. Jenkin said he attached great importance to it, receiving the reply that witness told Mr. King definitely the signature was not his.

Did you tell him that you were convinced it was a forgery? Did you tell him you believed it was a forgery?—I was certain.

And you told him you were?—Yes.

Did Mr. Black also tell Mr. King that his signature was a forgery?—I can't say.

The Investigation.

Tsang was arrested, presumably, because the Police thought he was implicated and an investigation was then instituted by the Police into this matter?—Yes.

Were you interviewed in the course of that investigation?—Not much.

Can you recollect having seen Mr. King or anyone connected with the case prior to Tsang's discharge?—I know Mr. Hazlerigg took up the case.

Did you have an interview with him?—I think I spoke to him several times.

Was there any investigation at all by anyone as to whether the writing was that of Tsang?—I didn't take part in it.

Did you know the charge against Tsang. You were Chief of Police for five or six years and you would be familiar to some extent with the form of charge?—Yes, to a certain degree.

To charge a man with forgery one uses an almost common form of charge?—I can't exactly remember what the charges were.

I am asking you generally?—The Crown Solicitor would draft it. I should not do it myself.

Police Inspectors have to do it every hour of the day?—They have to do it, but not every hour of the day.

You say you know what he was charged with?—I think it had something to do with aiding and abetting.

Was the charge at that time one of having swindled the Government out of a quarter of a million?—I can't say definitely what the charge was.

Notice of a Reward.

In answer to further questions Mr. Messer said Tsang was discharged about 20 days later, Mr. Hazlerigg withdrawing the charge on behalf of the Treasury. Witness said he knew that notices were issued offering a reward in connexion with the affair. He could not say that he had seen them in the Press, but had seen them posted up.

Were you consulted before they were issued?—It was Police work.

Did Tsang on January 18, when he was faced by all those various and embarrassing questions, remind you that he had told you a month before about cheques coming short from the Bank?—He was not in an embarrassing position.

But the Police arrested him?—Yes, that was later.

Did he at any time during that afternoon remind you that he had told you previously about being 60 cheques short?—He brought in the fact as if I knew it.

Why Vouchers Were Examined.

Was a great deal of time spent that afternoon examining Government vouchers?—Yes, a search was made everywhere to find evidence of anything.

What was the purpose?—To get any evidence we could.

But if these three cheques were dud you could not expect to find genuine vouchers?—We wanted any evidence we could get.

On your own evidence if you were convinced that the cheques were duds what was the use of looking through the vouchers?—It was my duty to get any evidence I could.

You wanted to make sure there were no dud vouchers inserted for the purpose of this fraud?—That was one reason for the search.

I put it to you that you had in your mind that afternoon the possibility that by the use of dud vouchers these cheques had been obtained by a trick?—Yes.

You had in your mind the possibility that by means of dud vouchers your signature and Mr. Black's had been obtained to those cheques?—There was a possibility of such a happening.

I put it to you that if in fact the writing on the body of the cheques is in Tsang's hand then it is clear he is in the swindle?—It would look like it.

Police Did Not Search.

Did the Police help in the search when the vouchers were inspected?—I would not ask the Police to help.

Mr. Jenkin: They are a very obliging Force.

In your position as Colonial Treasurer you are a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils and the Finance Committee. Did you attend a meeting of the Council on December 30?—Yes, a record short meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council.

No Executive Council that day?—No.

As you appear to have looked up your movements can you tell us whether you are in the Treasury for the rest of the day?—I was there for five hours. I can tell you exactly where I spent my time.

A Trick Possible.

When the cross-examination was resumed after the time adjournment, Mr. Messer agreed he had said before the adjournment that one reason, if not the only reason, for the scrutiny of

signatures in the Treasury was the idea that possibly the signatures had been obtained by a trick.

That is to say that the signatures upon those cheques were, in fact, yours and Mr. Black's, but they had been obtained by a trick in some manner?—Yes.

I put it to you that that view was entertained for a considerable period, after the evening of January 18?—It was not entertained by myself.

Witness proceeded to explain that the first thing to do was to search everywhere, as it was fairly obvious that there had been some accomplice in the trick.

It was proposed to carry on the prosecution against Tsang On-wing at one time was it not?—I can't say. I was not prosecuting. I presume it was, because the case was adjourned from time to time.

If the prosecution had, in fact, been carried on, you were a potential witness in that case?—I presume so.

When asked whether he meant that he did not know, Mr. Messer said he had never been called upon. He was not consulted during the period of Tsang On-wing's detention.

Tsang On-wing Discharged.

Can you say this? Was, to your knowledge, the case against Tsang On-wing being actively investigated and prepared?—I don't think I would go so far as that. I think the case had been gone into to a certain extent and it was found that there was not a shadow of suspicion against him.

He could only assume that Tsang was discharged after the investigations had reached that point in the ordinary way.

There may be an explanation for it and if so I will get it in due course from Mr. King, who is to give evidence, said Mr. Jenkin, before handing a police notification to witness. He asked Mr. Messer whether he could identify the paper as a police notice which was issued by the C.S.P. and which appeared in the public press on February 8, this year.

Witness replied, "I believe there was such a reward offered." He went on to say that he remembered seeing something about it but he could not remember, in which paper he saw it.

I take it that the Treasury offered the Police Department all information at its disposal?—They got any information they wanted. We did not want to interfere with what they were doing.

Mr. Jenkin then drew Mr. Messer's attention to some words in brackets in the notice which followed a reference to the three allegedly forged cheques. The words, said Mr. Jenkin, described the cheques as purporting to be signed by the Colonial Treasurer, which was Mr. Messer himself. Witness agreed.

Changed View?

On that date, is it possible that there was entertained in the Treasury a changed view, namely that although Mr. Black's signature was authentic it was your signature and your signature only which was a forgery?—I never heard that suggestion.

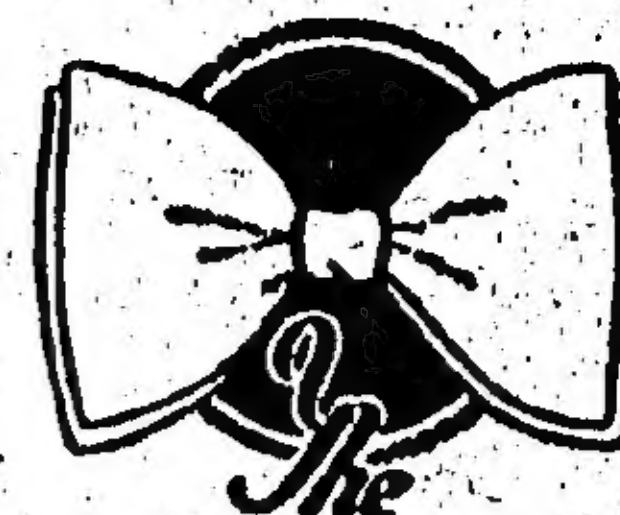
Mr. Jenkin pressed the point and witness said that he could not reply.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to question Mr. Messer with regard to his handwriting and points he had taken in that respect. Some points, said witness were brought to his attention by Dr. Dovey.

Witness was shown a cheque signed by himself there being no tail to the signature. Mr. Messer after identifying it remarked that that was the first time he had seen his signature without a tail.

It was, he said a great rarity. Re-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that the reason why he caused the vouchers to be searched for was because he had to take every precaution and search every avenue. If vouchers with the names of the payees on the allegedly forged cheques had come before him, he would not have signed them without making further enquiries as they were for such large sums.

The hearing was adjourned.



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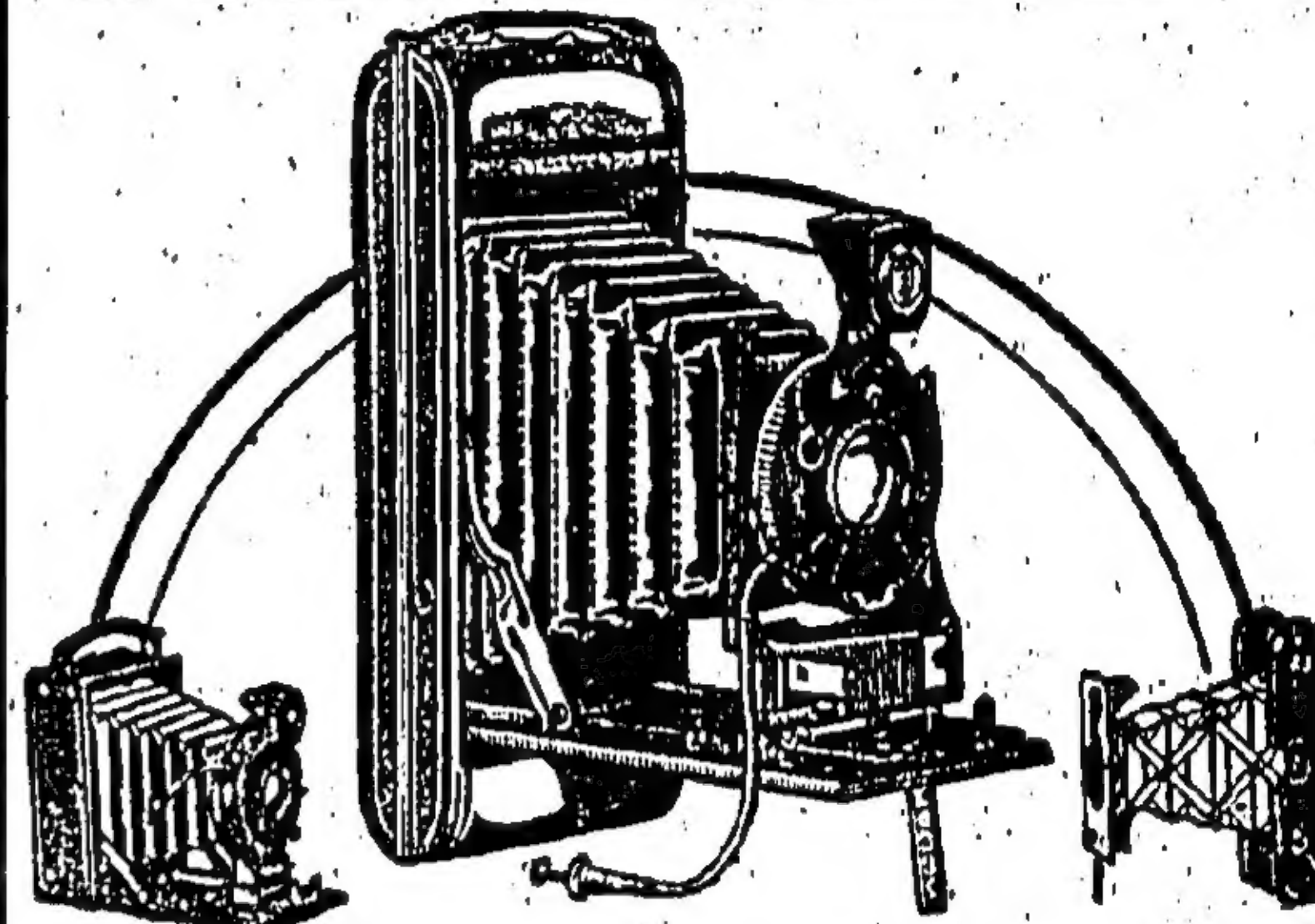
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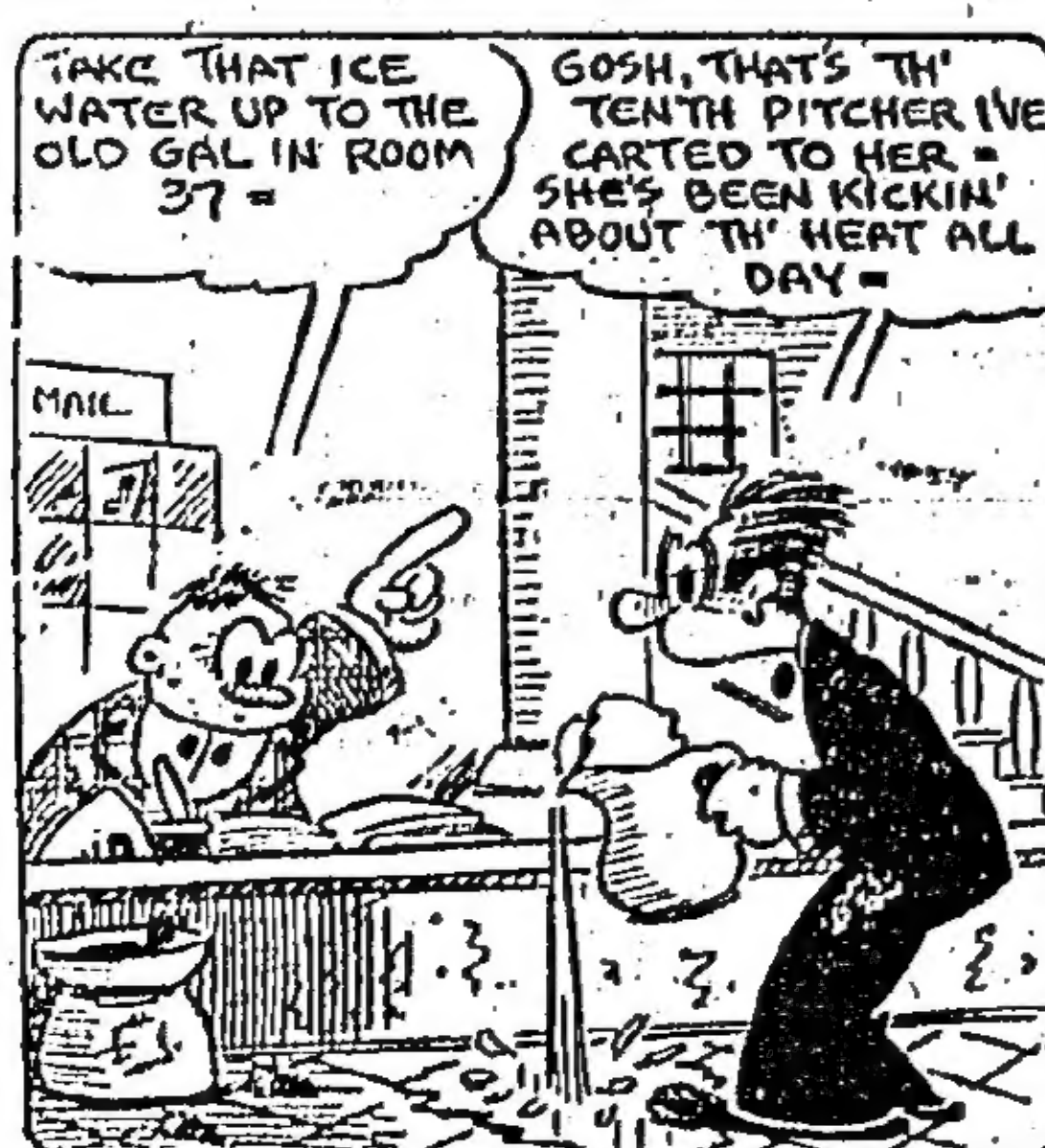
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A group of French officials at the Shanghai Armistice Day celebrations, to which many of the pictures on this page relate.



Members of the new Shanghai art club which was recently opened, the ceremony being performed by Mrs. Cunningham.



Mr. Wunzo King, Shanghai Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, shown passing in front of the War Memorial, on Armistice Day.

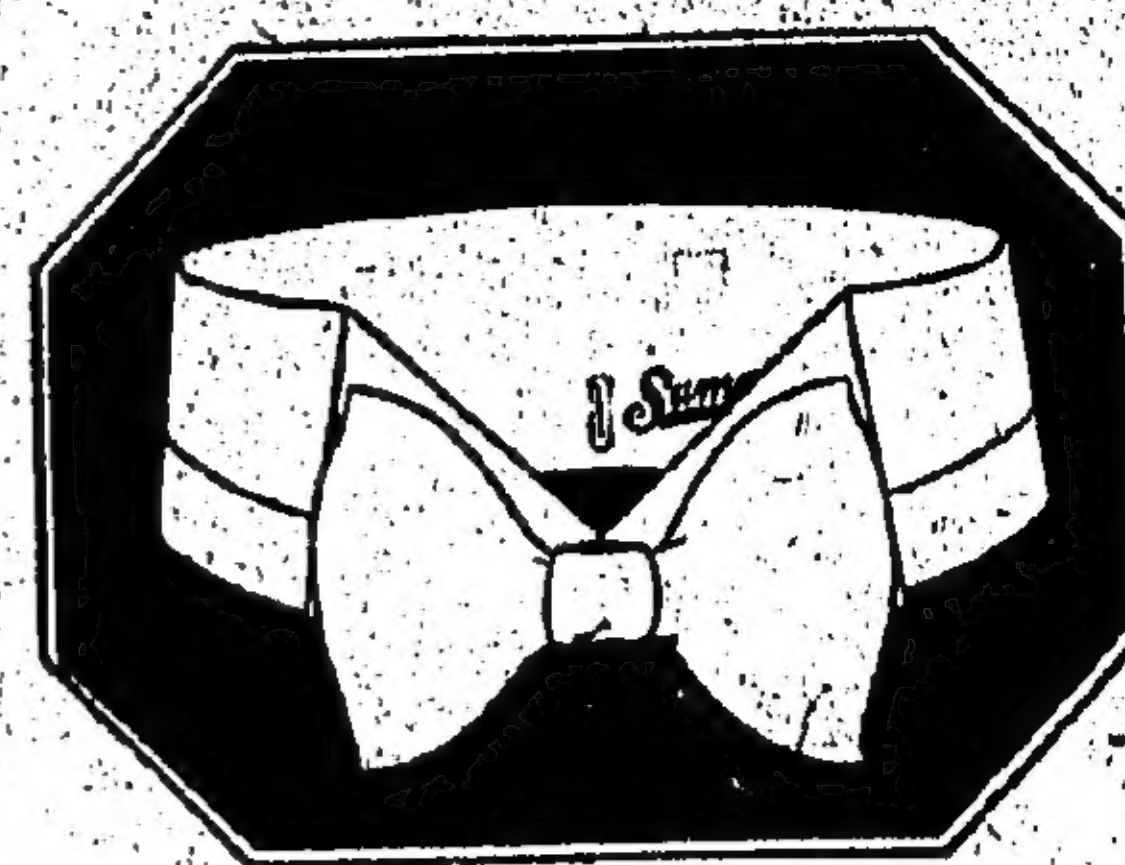


Admiral Von Scheer, the German Commander-in-Chief at the Battle of Jutland, who has just died at the age of 65.



A part of the large crowd which gathered at the Shanghai Race Course on Champions Day, among whom is Mr. Fossenden, shown at the extreme left.

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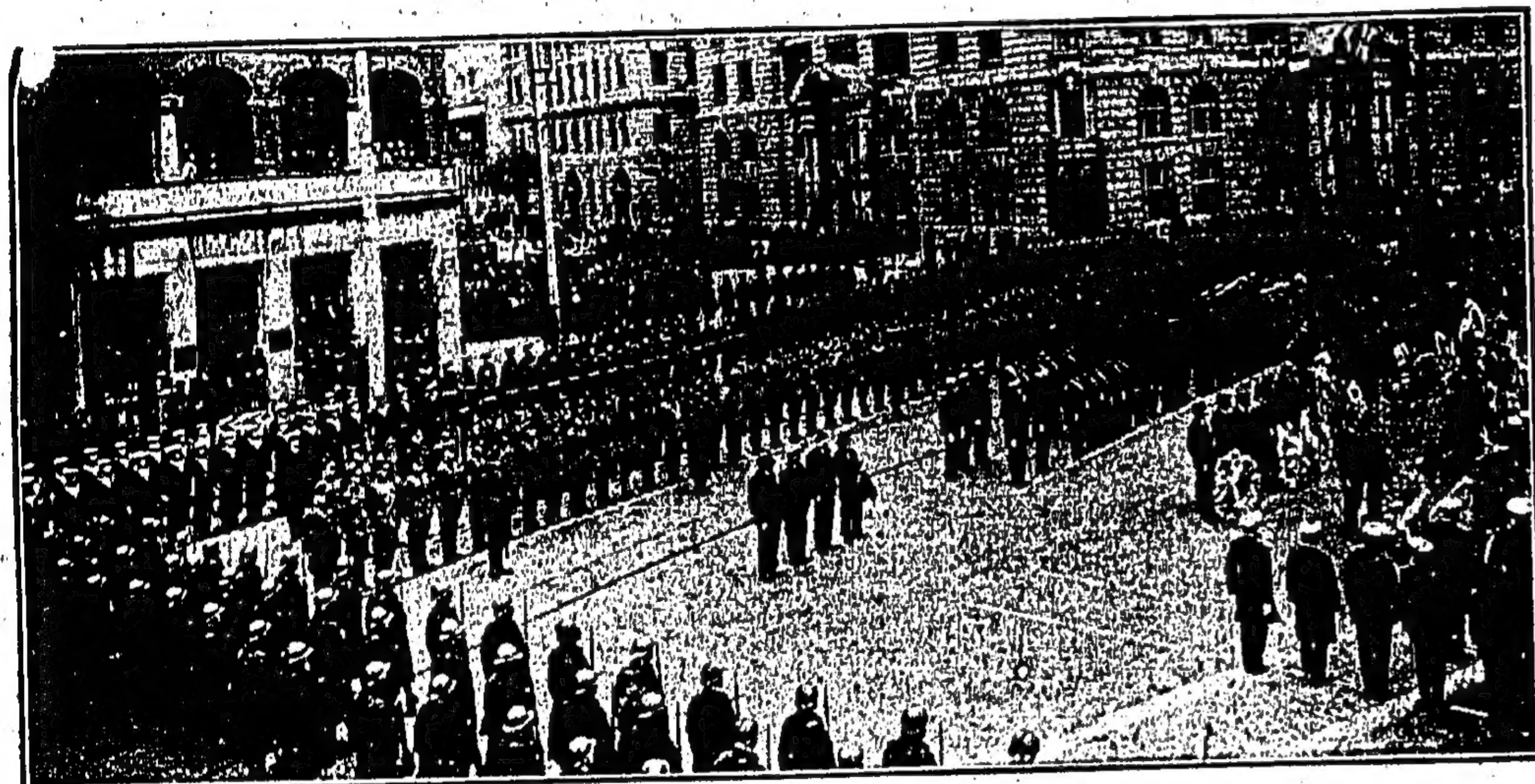
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Troops and naval men of the Allies formed in a square facing the War Memorial on the Shanghai Bund on Armistice Day.



General Bramwell Booth, revered leader of the Salvation Army who is now out of danger.



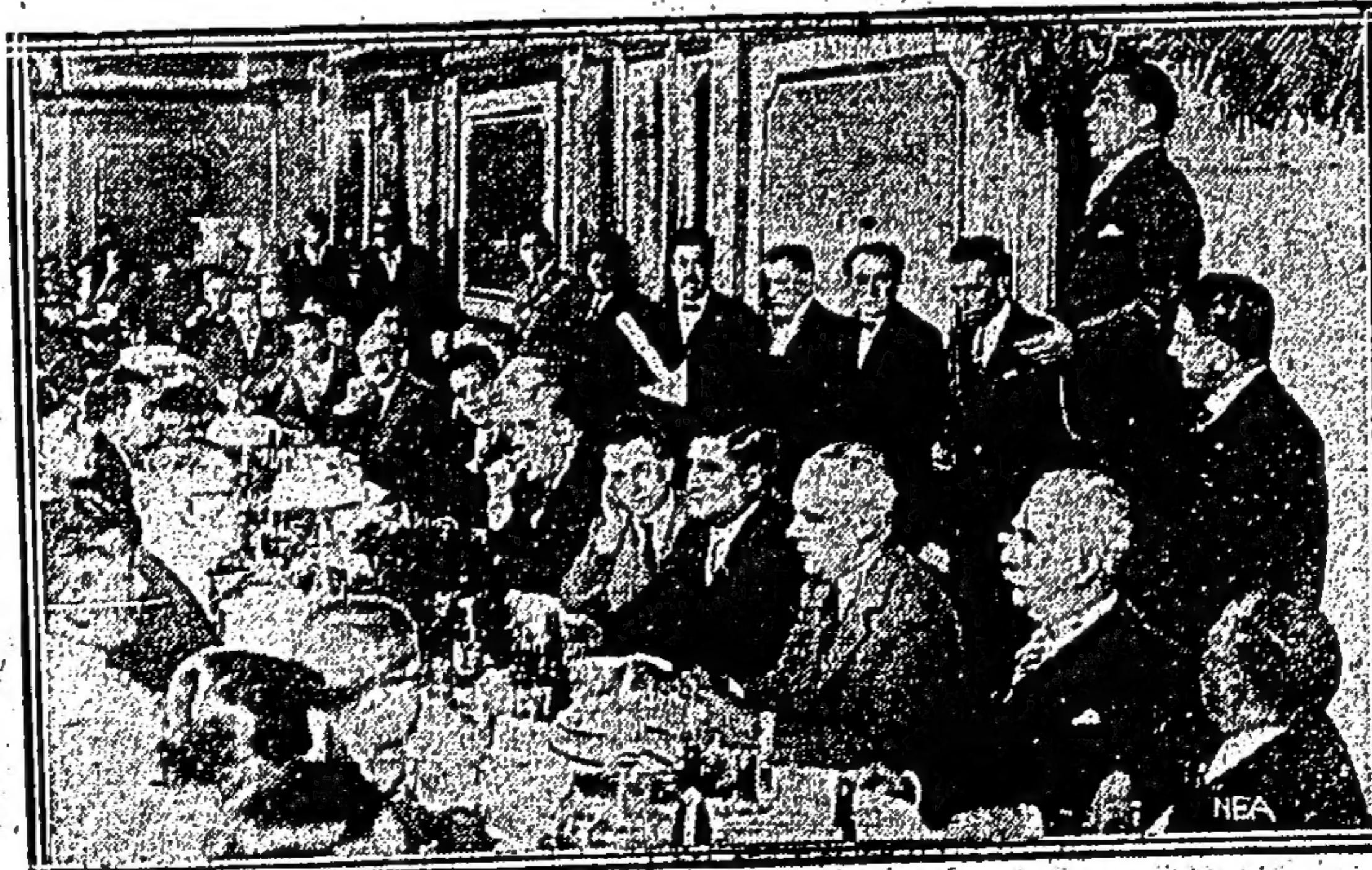
M. C. Grosbels, President of the French War Veterans' Association, on the left; M. E. Berthe, and M. Brunetti.



A well-known Shanghai lady, Miss Bycroft with members of the Girls' Friendly Society, who called to wish her happiness on her sixtieth birthday, recently.



The U. S. Consul-General, Mr. Cunningham, delivering his Armistice Day address which was broadcast.



The new provisional president of Mexico, Emilio Portes Gil, shown (arrow) at a banquet attend by 600 prominent people and government officials.

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Saturday, 1st December, at 9.15 p.m.

THE THEATRE ROYAL.

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USUAL PRICES.

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The Eighth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 1st December, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 30th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the secretary, badges for admission of 2 ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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In view of the controversy which has arisen over the representation of Christ's life in "The King of Kings," it was but natural that there should be crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre yesterday when it was screened for the first time in Hongkong. Curiosity probably supplied the motive for the presence of many, whilst others, assured by the tributes of many devout Christian leaders, doubtless went in the spirit in which they would attend church. But whatever the predominant motives may have been, there must have been a unanimous feeling when the film came to an end that a great theme had been interpreted with impressive reverence.

There is nothing blatant about "The King of Kings," no undue striving after effects, and for ourselves we saw nothing whatever to which to object in the impersonation of the Christ by a well-known cinema star. Through the whole story, Mr. Warner made the character just what it should be, and few could have remained unmoved by the beauty and simplicity of the presentation of the Man of Sorrows.

In essaying the production of this great film, Cecil de Mille undertook a huge task, bristling with difficulties; how well he has succeeded can be seen by the manner in which he has handled the Gospel story. There are some slight but not material departures from the Bible record, and the story is certainly well-linked together, portraying as it does the main events of the Master's life on earth. Powerful and impressive are some of the scenes, especially the driving of the money-changers from the Temple, the trial before Pilate, the Way to the Cross, and the Crucifixion itself, which latter is revealed in all its poignant sadness. There are brighter scenes, too, notably in the healing of the sick and the glory of the Resurrection, all of which are beautifully interpreted.

One of the features of the film is to be found in the wise allotment of characters. The Christ of Mr. Warner is all that we would wish it to be, whilst other representations which stand out prominently are those of Mary, the mother of Jesus; Peter; Judas; the High Priest; and Pilate. Of the settings, there can be nothing but praise—some of them of stupendous magnitude, others of appropriate simplicity. Where the film is coloured, the beauty is transcendent.

A word must be added regarding the special music by the orchestra and organ under Mr. H. E. Nicholson, which preserves the right atmosphere for a film of this character.

Seriously injured in the Manchester billiards hall shooting affray D. W. Laver died in hospital after a week. A. G. Maco was shot dead by Joseph Fenton, who committed suicide.

The fourth Lord Nelson, whilst staying at Southsea, made, by his special request, a tour of the Victory, now practically restored to its Trafalgar state.

Swept off the ledge of a quarry by a wire hawser, Robert Thompson (27), of Aberdeen, fell 150 ft., striking jutting rocks in his descent. He died in his mate's arms.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1325 b.
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n.
P. and O. £91 n.
East A. & S. \$81 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$670 n.
Union Ins., \$359 n.
North China, Ins. Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$250 s.
China Fire, \$230 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$780 s.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$281 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$160 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$721 b.
Shell Trans., 118/- b.
Union Waterboats, \$231 b.

Mining.
Bongueta, \$250 b.
Kailans, 75/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 11 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b.
Rauba, \$51 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents \$5.10 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 156 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 s.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.90 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.40 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 651 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.30 b.
H. K. Lands, \$661 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.50 s.
Realities, \$8.85 n. X. Div.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.65 f.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$671 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$12.40 s.
H. K. Electric, \$53 b.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones \$5.65 X. Rights n.
China Buses, Tls. 11 b.
Singapore Traction, 12/- n.

Industrial.
China Sugars, .65 b.
Malabone, \$221 b.
Canton Iron, \$3.50 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.30 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7.60 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$22.50 s.
Watsons, \$14 s.
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CHINA TARIFFS.

LANCASHIRE CONCERN EXPRESSED.

London, Nov. 27.

A circular despatched to the Far East section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding the Chinese tariff proposals has been received from the British Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting on this, says that at present the details of the various classifications and rates of duty are probably of less concern to Lancashire than the date of enforcement of the new tariff, and declares that there have been hopes that the tariff would be levied according to the date of landing instead of the date of arrival of the order, all exporting countries being on an equal footing.

The paper expresses the opinion that most Lancashire traders are probably prepared to face the increased Chinese tariff without protest if assured that linen will be subjected to all kinds of illegal taxes, and charges at various stages of their progress to the interior, restricting the market for imported goods to a comparatively small coastal area, and depriving the Chinese Government of much revenue.—Reuter.

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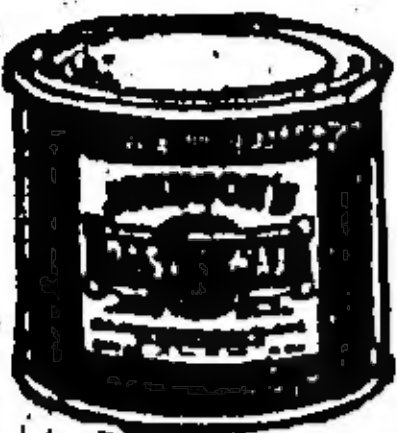
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The advice offered by Paris to women who aspire to extreme smartness in dress is summed up in three words—Simplicity, suppleness, sophistication.

If a costume comprises these three features, it is certain to be chic, and a clever Paris dress-maker knows just what lines to suppress in order to create simplicity, just what "movement" will add grace, just where a bow or flower should be placed, or the neckline lowered, to add that little sophisticated touch that will make the creation different and charming.

She knows just how, and where, to add the shoulder knots with streamers and knotted girdles that give yet another flutter to an animated mode. She the Euclid, the great geometrician, has initiated the intricate cutting and piecing of garments that give ease, flow and flutter within an irreducible simplicity of outline, garments cut like a picture-puzzle into triangles, squares, and more complicated geometrical shapes that fit together in a most intricate manner, to form an extremely flowing whole.

Skirts Still Short.

Skirts, on the whole, are still short. For the season, however, it is pretty certain that the longer skirt will once more make its bow to the public. Single wide drapes are pointing the way the wind blows, and floating panels and jabots add their quota.

The new gowns all seem to have very tight underskirts, and long, tight sleeves, narrow at the shoulder, and quite wide at the hand. This is a distinct break-away from the former fashion of having practically no sleeves at all.

The return of femininity is evident. Those men who have bewailed the tendency of women to imitate them, must surely have heaved a sigh of relief as they gazed at the frocks, for lace, feathers, ribbons, and all the delightful fripperies which have been banished so long, were there triumphantly there.



The brim of this smoke grey velvet hat is brought up over the crown, in three amusing black, grey and white birds, fashioned of feathers.



Virginia Cherrill, 20-year-old Chicago society girl, has embarked on a new role. She will play leading lady for Charles Chaplin in the comedian's new film, "City Lights," and looks as though she would brighten up the picture considerably.

Fashion Notes.**ROUND NECKS FOR EVENING GOWNS.**

Lines are slender but always gracious; hemlines are lengthened by means of panels and sashes; and collars and sleeves are creating a new mode.

Cowl and necklace collars and jade collars are treated in a supremely beautiful manner. A new sleeve in many versions distinguishes some of the day-time models.

The cut at the armhole is always complex, with curved lines that cannot be called Raglan, but suggest this cut, and often with tucks to lend an easy grace to the shoulders.

Round or pointed necks are used on the sports or other day-time frocks, but for the evening dresses the Parisienne keeps to her favourite low, rounded line. There isn't a "U"-shaped back to be seen this season, and there are very few "V"-shaped ones either.

The scarf or kerchief is worn about the neck in all the gowns of thin material, sometimes forming a part of the gown, but more often a piece quite by itself, usually tied on the shoulder.

There are few puffed or beaded gowns to be seen, although there are several evening gowns that are embroidered discreetly in strass.

Useless Baggage.

Troubles that pass with the day
And some that must stay with us still,
And troubles that we can leave behind
If we only will.

Hurts that heal fast if ignored
And pride that collapses at fun,
Self-pity that dies when some small act
Of love is begun.

Sick moods that fade in the air
Of gay friendliness and brave trust,
Backward-looking we give up at last
When go on we must.

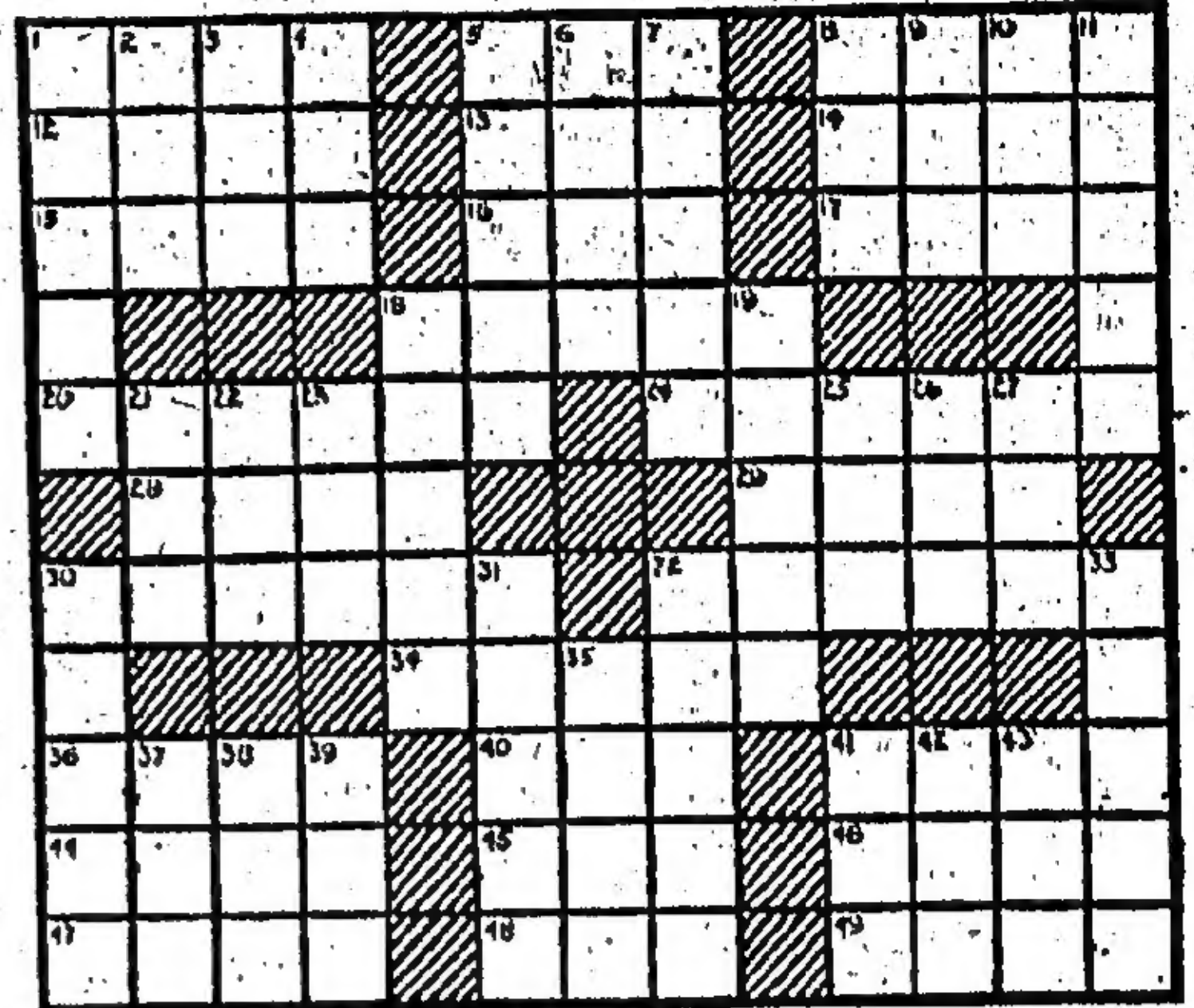
So foolish the mind that broods
And into past problems still delves,
When our lives, if left alone,
Have power
To restore themselves.

THELMA COOMBS.

Modern Jewellery.

The creator of modern jewellery seems to be influenced by modern art, for the latest pendants and brooches are so novel that they seem almost to be reproductions of one of those paintings in which a series of extraordinary curves and semi-circles may represent a forest fire or a disaster at sea, just as the spectator wishes.

One of the new pendants has an outer circle of opaque crystal and an inner circle of red quartz.

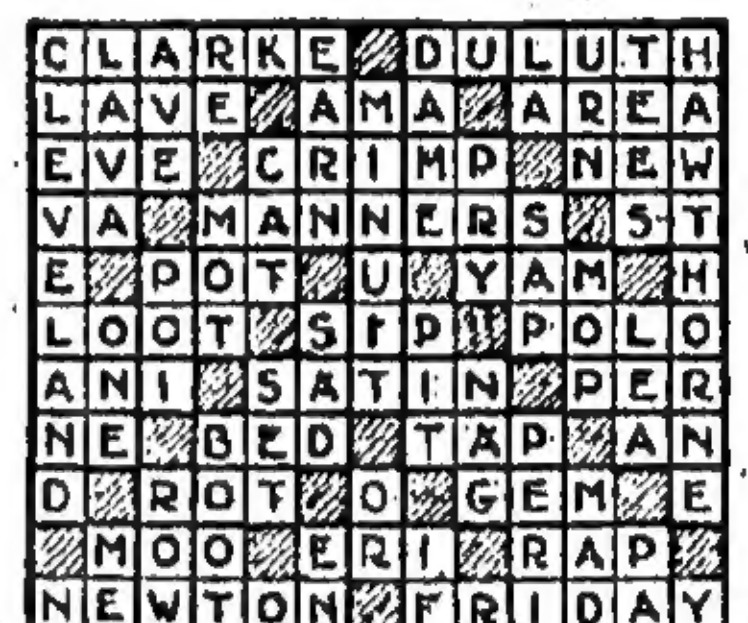
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.**Horizontal**

1. Exclamation of sorrow.
5. Cry of a raven.
8. Festival.
12. One side of a leaf of a book.
13. Collection of facts.
14. Successively.
15. Stain.
16. Scarlet.
17. Any historical legend.
18. Energy.
20. Type of strapped shoe.
24. Heavy silk.
28. Diving bird.
29. Naked.
30. To tip.
32. Hereditary.
34. Discoloured.
36. Back of the neck.
40. Eccentric wheel.
41. Daybreak.
42. Haulboy.
45. Prophet who trained Samuel.
46. Auditory.
47. Spike.
48. To soak flax.
49. Network.

Vertical

1. Projecting semi-circular portions of a building.
2. To drink dog-fashion.
3. Since.
4. To harden.
5. Song of joy.
6. A fresh.
7. Walks through water.
8. Aeriform fuel.
9. Constellation.

10. Bulky length of unshaped timber.
11. Conscious.
18. Compartment of an electric switchboard.
19. Zealous.
21. Wing part of a seed.
22. Correlative of neither.
23. Female deer.
25. Male.
26. Wrath.
27. Afternoon meal.
30. A law or rule.
31. More fastidious.
32. Boundary.
33. A weapon of war.
35. Valley.
37. Striped camel's hair cloth.
38. Taro paste.
39. Snake-like fish.
41. Drone bee.
42. Dined.
43. Humour.

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TO MOVE EN BLOC.**FIRE STATION TOWER BLOCKS NEW ROAD.**

The sixty foot tower of iron framework now standing to the left of the Wanchai Fire Station will be removed in the course of the next few days to a position on the right of the station. The reason for this is that the road scheme of the reclaimed area in Praya East is such that the tower is in the way.

Messrs. Sang Lee and Company the well known contractors are undertaking the work of removing this structure. An interesting feature of the removal is the fact that the tower will be taken to its new site in one piece.

Workmen have been at the structure during the last few days and all the necessary shoring work and the strengthening of the joints are now complete. The structure will be sawn off at the foot and when it is taken to the new site, the legs will be fitted on to a new foundation. The structure will not, however, be transferred in a vertical position. It will be brought down and then rehoisted.

BACK IN TOKYO.**JAPANESE EMPEROR'S RETURN.**

Tokyo, Nov. 27.

Brilliant weather favoured the Emperor's return from Kyoto today. His train arrived punctually at 3.30, to the accompaniment of booming guns.

After a short rest, the Emperor and his suite entered the waiting coaches, and an impressive cortege set off for the Palace, huge, reverent and silent crowds lining the streets.

Arriving at the Palace, the Kasshiko Dokoro (Ark of the Sacred Mirror) was restored to its normal resting place with elaborate Shinto rites, and there it will remain throughout the Emperor's reign.

To-morrow sacred dances are to be performed before it, after which the Emperor and Empress will worship before the Palace shrines, announcing to the spirits the completion of the enthronement ceremonies.—Reuter.

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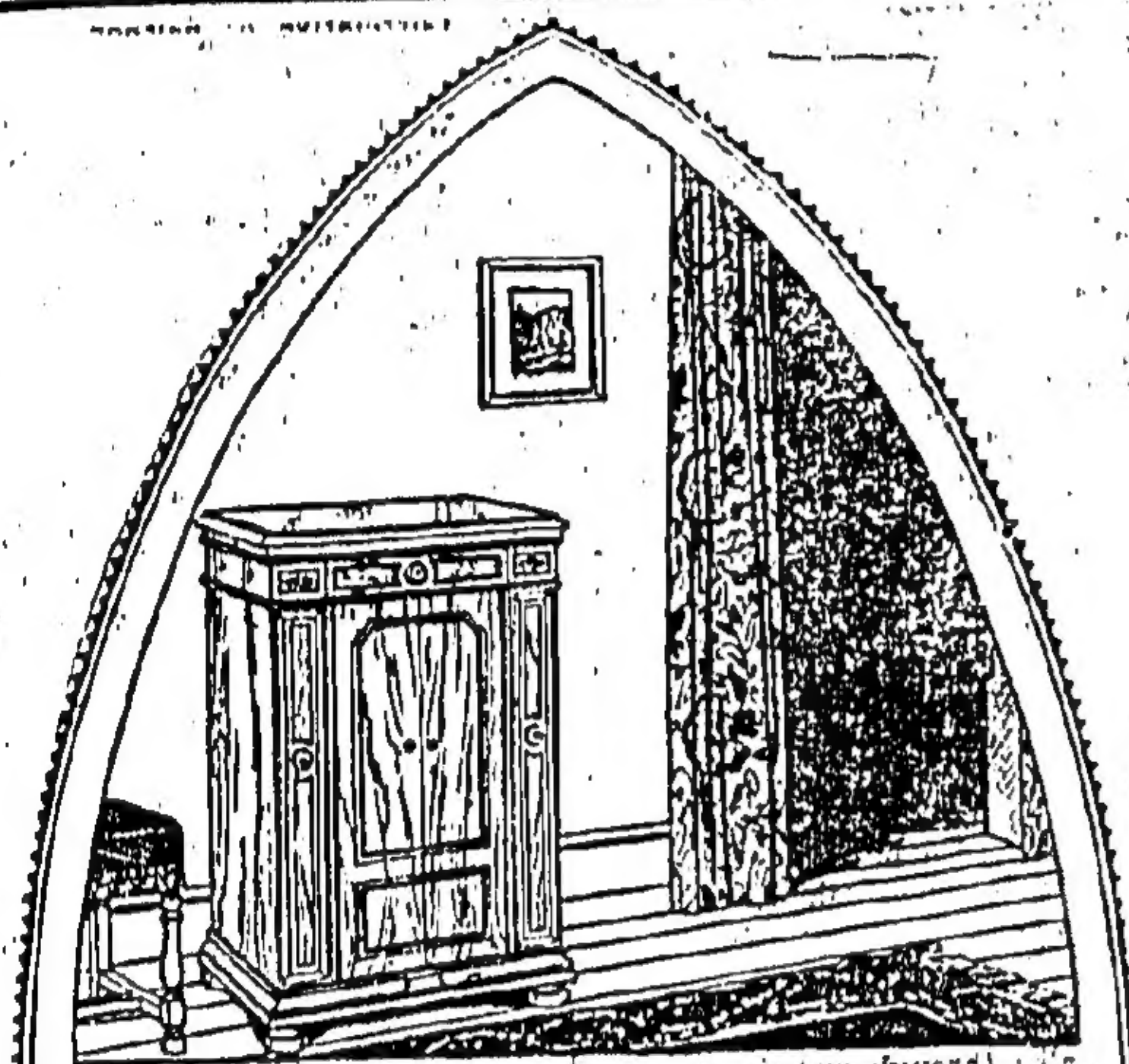
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BIRTH.

GRAYBURN.—On 26th November,
1928, at the Peak Hospital,
the wife of V. M. Grayburn,
of a son.

WEDDING.

HAY—MOHAN.—At the Rosary
Church, Kowloon, on Satur-
day, November 24th, James
Hay, of Shanghai, to Helen
Mohan, of Spennymoor, Co.,
Durham, England, (Shanghai
papers please copy).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28, 1928

THE OPIUM SCANDALS.

The Shanghai opium scandals, to
use the phrase used by the vernac-
ular newspapers, are apparently
causing some concern to the
National Government leaders in
Nanking, who are agreed that the
disclosures made are particularly
unfortunate at the present juncture.
The precise details of the
affair are not known at the
moment, although it would appear
that a few days ago a huge quan-
tity of smuggled opium was track-
ed down by the police to a den in
Shanghai, and as they were engaged
in rounding up the inmates of the
place, the military appeared on the
scene and intervened. It is said
that the quantity discovered was
extremely large, and that the
police have been able to unearth a
huge smuggling conspiracy, with
widespread ramifications.

The fact that opium smuggling
is going on in Shanghai comes, of
course, as no surprise, for the evil
is common to all parts of China,
but the present case appears to be
more than usually interesting and
important from the suggestions
freely made that Garrison troops
are engaged in the traffic and that
military officers are waxing fat on
the business. Possibly there would
have been no such allegations made
were it not for the circumstance
that the municipal and military
authorities appear to be in conflict
as to which shall secure possession
of the opium in dispute. That
there is friction between the two
groups is very obvious, and it may
well be that one result of this will
be further interesting disclosures
concerning the traffic in the drug.
The fact that local Kuomintang
organisations have suggested the
dissolution of the Shanghai Gar-
rison forces is sufficient to show

that the public believes the stories
of the troops being mixed up with
the traffic. Nanking's indignation
in the circumstances is not surpris-
ing, and we can well understand
the Government leaders viewing
the developments as most unfor-
tunate, coming so soon after the
official declaration that the opium
evil throughout China is to be sup-
pressed. Posing before the world
as the sworn enemy of the opium
traffic, the Nationalist Government
finds itself in rather an unenviable
position as a result of the allega-
tion that its own soldiers
and military officers are
actively engaged therein. For
its own reputation's sake,
the Government is now apparently
determined to get at the root of this
matter, and we may expect it to
take drastic action when the facts
are fully established.

Apart altogether from this
Shanghai incident, there has been
ample evidence in the recent past
of military participation in the
opium traffic. This, indeed, has
been one of the facts stressed
in the International Anti-Opium As-
sociation in its annual reports.
Instances have been reported in
which there has been compulsory
cultivation under military duress,
whilst in some places the opium
land taxes have been reduced to
stimulate production. Funds for
war purposes have been raised in
this way, and we have it on the
word of the Association named
that the opium traffic in Shanghai,
Hankow, Nanking and elsewhere
has been a scandal and a contra-
diction of the declared ideals of
the Nationalist Government, but
has been officially conducted with a
total absence of regard for the
people's welfare. For its own good
name, therefore, the Nanking Gov-
ernment will do well to probe this
latest scandal to the bottom, for,
with feelings running so high be-
tween the two factions concerned,
we may be sure that the truth will
be revealed in all its nakedness.

Lahore Accusations.

The death of Lala Rajpat Rai
was regrettable, not because he
had any great love for Britain, but
because his rabid Nationalism was
probably misguided rather than
wilful perversity. A man who
swayed the multitude by oratory,
he was the leader of the National
Party in the Indian Assembly, and
his keenest opponents, official and
unofficial, admiring his powers,
would have been on good terms
with him at all times had he pur-
sued his avowed objects by con-
stitutional means. The average
British mentality revolts almost
automatically at the thought of
pernicious agitation, which is
quite different from any sugges-
tion that the distaste for the agi-
tator is carried any further. We
think, therefore, that the accusa-
tions against the police in con-
nexion with the incident at Lahore
at the end of October can be dis-
missed at once as purely malici-
ous. Lala Rajpat Rai led an un-
usually crowd into a hostile demon-
stration against the Simon Com-
mission in spite of a prohibitory
order by the Police Superintendent.
The Police were forced to
charge the crowd to prevent them
breaching down the barricades,
and during the scuffle a number
of the demonstrators, including
Lala Rajpat Rai, received injuries.
On the same day, Rajpat Rai ac-
cused the police of an unprovoked
attack on the mob, but said that
"happily the blows of the lathi did
not fall very heavily" on him.
Even he did not suggest that he
was singled out for assault, and
that fact that he was injured
merely means that one of the men
really responsible for the outbreak
received some punishment instead
of his comparative innocent dupes.
Unfortunately, nineteen days
later, Lala Rajpat Rai passed
away, his death being attributed
to heart failure. The allegations
against the police were immediately
re-launched with fresh force,
but the statement of Earl Winton-
ton in the House of Commons on
Monday, seems effectively to dis-
pose of the question. No evidence
has been adduced to show that
Rajpat Rai's death was due to
blows received from the police,
and official enquiries have shown
that the case for the police is
concrete. The Nationalists can-
not be commended for what is
little more than an endeavour to
make capital out of the death of
their leader.

DAY BY DAY.

THEY WHO ARE MOST WEARY OF
LIFE, AND YET ARE MOST UNWILLING
TO DIE, ARE SUCH WHO HAVE LIVED
TO NO PURPOSE—WHO HAVE RATHER
BREATHED THAN LIVED.—Lord
Clarendon.

Yesterday's health return shows
two further cases of small-pox, both
Chinese.

The business at the Sanitary
Board meeting yesterday was
purely formal.

H.M.S. Herald arrived this
morning from the Straits and
moored in the Naval Anchorage,
breaking the paying-off pennant
when secured.

The following information has
been received from His Honour the
Commissioner, Weihaw:—"Hong-
kong declared to be infected port.
Ships will be subject to medical
inspection under quarantine re-
gulations."

The annual perambulation of
War Department property in
Hongkong is taking place to-day
and to-morrow. Sentries are post-
ed at the various entrances to mil-
itary land which is closed to all ex-
cept military units and civilians on
business who have the requisite
passes.

A thief, who was surprised whilst
in the act of stealing chicken from
the second floor of No. 83, Yuei
Chow Street, Shamshui, took a
desperate leap into the street. He
was killed almost instantly and his
body was duly removed to the
Kowloon Mortuary. According to
a police report, both the man's arms
were broken.

We understand that the case in
which a public car driver named
Kwong Wah summoned Mr. B.
Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer and
Co., for alleged assault, has been
withdrawn by the former. The
case first came up on Wednesday
last, when it was remanded for a
week. Mr. Pasco, it will be re-
called, brought a cross-summons
for disorderly behaviour likely to
occasion a breach of the peace.

The annual Thanksgiving Ser-
vice of the First Church of Christ,
Scientist, will be held in the
Church edifice, Macdonell Road,
to-morrow, Thursday, at 6.30 p.m.
In accordance with the Manual of
the Mother Church, The First
Church of Christ, Scientist, in
Boston, Mass., U.S.A., the service
will include selections from the
Bible and correlative passages
from the Christian Science text-
book, "Science and Health with
Key to the Scriptures" by Mary
Baker Eddy. A portion of the
service will be devoted to testi-
monies of healing and benefits re-
ceived through the application of
Christian Science. The public is
cordially invited to attend.

DUMPED BODIES.

TEN MORE PICKED UP
YESTERDAY.

No fewer than ten dead bodies
were picked up by the police
yesterday from Hongkong and
Kowloon, and of these
three were small-pox cases,
coming from Yau-mat, Mongkok
and West Point respectively. All
were bodies of children.

Of the remaining seven cases,
two bodies were found in
Shaukiwan, one at Shamshui, and
one at West Point, and one at
Yau-mat.

The small-pox case from the
West Point district was picked up
on Pokfulam Road, near house No.
20.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 27.
Paris	124.10
New York	4.85 9/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.55
Berlin	23.55
Stockholm	15.14
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	84.49 1/2
Vienna	163 1/2
Prague	102 1/2
Helsingfors	30.87 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	805 1/2
Illo	5.29 3/32
Buenos Aires	47.15 3/32
Bombay	1.01 1/32
Shanghai	2.70
Hongkong	1.10 1/2
Yokohama	1.23 1/2
Silver (spot)	26.11 1/16
Silver (forward)	British Wireless.

MANILA SHOWS.

COMING ATTRACTION FOR
HONGKONG.

The Manila Shows, which will
appear here for the first time on
the Fraya East reclamation on
Saturday evening, December 8th,
comes to Hongkong with the
highest of recommendations.
This popular amusement organisa-
tion has been operating in the
Straits Settlements, Burma, and
India for the past six years, and
each year it takes new shows to
these countries.

Some idea of the size of this
organisation will be gained when
it is stated that it takes a ship of
five hundred tons to transport the
show property alone. Some sixty
members comprise the personnel of
the organisation and many of these
people are clever performers.
Jim Peters, who does a free act on
the show grounds each night, has
been with the Manila Shows for
the past five years performing his
hair-raising stunts. The Peters
act consists of what is known as
the giant swing. A high rigging
some sixty feet in the air is raised
and Peters on a trapeze loops the
loop several times in succession.
This is done in a blaze of light

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

A Horticultural Society
was formed in Hongkong more
than fifty years ago?

It was established in
February, 1873, by a Govern-
ment Garden Committee.
Three years later, the Govern-
ment withdrew from the control
of the Society, which, under
unofficial management, con-
tinued for some years longer.

Many years afterwards, it
was revived and still con-
tinues in operation.

and accompanied by a fireworks
display which adds a thrill to the
performance.

One of the most interesting peo-
ple with the Manila Shows is Jess
Adams, the Kokomo Giant, said
to be eight feet, four inches tall
and numbered as one of the biggest
men in the world to-day. Jess
arrived in Hongkong a little
worse for wear as far as his shoes
were concerned and he spent a
busy day yesterday in an effort to
locate a pair of shoes large enough
to fit him. Luckily he was able
to get several pairs made to order.

Mention should also be made of
Bertie Wade, the world's most
famous tattooed lady. This
little lady is tattooed from the top
of her head to the sole of her feet.
Six years were necessary to com-
plete the work of tattooing the
numerous designs that Bertie dis-
plays.

The Manila Shows have quite
a number of high class attractions
such as are found with the larger
shows of this character in the
Homeland. Several of the riding
devices are exact duplicates of
the rides that were exhibited at
Wembley and no doubt Hongkong
amusement-lovers will receive this
new form of entertainment with
much enthusiasm.

POLICE INSPECTOR
INVALIDED.

LEAVING THE COLONY ON
SATURDAY.

A popular member of the Hong-
kong Police Force, in the person of
Inspector John Robertson Clark,
is leaving for home on Saturday on
being invalided out of the Force.
Recruited at home on June 4,
1910, Inspector Clark arrived in the
Colony in the following month, since
when he has been in continuous ser-
vice with the Force except for a
break of four years, between 1915-
1919, when he was on active service
in the war.

On returning to the Colony, he
was promoted to the rank of Ser-
geant the following year, and rose,
by progressive stages, to the sub-
stantive rank of Inspector in 1926.
Latterly he has been Divisional In-
spector in charge of the No. 7
(West Point) Police Station.

Inspector Clark is well-known in
sporting circles, being a member of
the Police football team until a
few years ago. Of late, he has
given more attention to the less
strenuous game of bowls.

Inspector Clark is the holder of
certificates for Cantonese. In the
official records, in reference to an
incident which occurred on Novem-
ber 18, 1911, mention was made
of courage shown by Police Con-
stable Clark (as he was then) in
the execution of his duty when he
brought arrested persons to the
Police Station despite opposition by
a hostile crowd. For this, he was
commended by His Excellency the
Governor in the following month.
Inspector Clark sails for home
on Saturday, accompanied by his
wife and family.

The Very Idea!

Alarm at the reports that women
are again going to wear either
large "buns" or "masses of curls"
subsides when investigation re-
veals that the reports come from
the hairdressers. What the hair-
dresser says about the future ways
of women with their hair is not
evidence. Not so long ago hair-
dressers were solemnly laying
their hands on their hearts and
telling the newspapers that the
short-haired fashion would never
be adopted by ladies of rank.
Since then dual and even royal
locks have been shorn all over
Europe.

Those who are in the best posi-
tion to judge doubt if there will
be a complete revival of long hair
until nearly everybody has for-
gotten how uncomfortable and
untidy it usually was, and how
seldom the "masses of curls" effect
was as poetic as it sounds.

Stranger—"So you are the post-
master, storekeeper, justice of the
peace, and constable of this town?"
Native—"Yassir! You might say
I'm the Mussolini of Buckeye
Corner."

[It is reported that a barber in a
Buckinghamshire town shaves his
clients with a safety razor.]

It is long since the hand of a
stranger
Has drawn o'er my cheek and my
chin
A keen-whetted blade through the
stubble
Though shaving's a deuce of a
trouble,
I value a whole and unscarified
skin,
And the old-fashioned blade is a
danger.

How often when into in the morn-
ing
I have shown that more haste
means less speed,
And in trying to save half a
minute
I have landed myself fairly in it,
And have found how persistently
scratches can bleed,
And resolved by my wounds to
take warning.

Now, a barber's a man and a
brother,
Yet although he be skilful, I said,
He is human and may be caught
tripping.
Suppose that his foot should be
slipping,
It is clear he might pretty well
cut off my head,
So I will not be shaved by another.

But now there is no need for
braving
Such terrible dangers as these,
For a barber, I'm certain, in using
A safety-first razor is losing
No custom whatever. He's cer-
tain to please
All too lazy to do their own shaving.

"Mother, the minister's coming."
"How do you know, child?"
"Because I've just seen dad put
the parrot in the stable."

"He was neither drunk nor
sober, but just in a state when he
was neither one thing or the
other."—A Willemsen witness.
"My husband spent all last
night walking up and down stairs."
—A woman at Highbury.
"I have only one daughter, the
other is over age."—A mother at
Whitechapel.

"If I ever come here again I
hope you will punish me well."—A
14-years-old boy placed on probation
at Walsall, Staffordshire, for
orchard robbing.

"I saw a line of cars by the
road side, and I naturally thought
it must be a motor park."—A man
fined 30s. at Kingston-on-Thames
for obstruction.

Woman at Shirebrook, Derby-
shire: My husband gives me six-
pence a week pocket money and
then asks for it back again.

The auctioneer held up a batter-
ed fiddle.
"Lot 24," he announced. "Now,
what am I offered for this beauti-
ful violin? Take a look at its case.
See the blurred finger marks of
remorseless time. To the merry
notes of this fine old instrument
the brocade dresses of fair France
have danced the stately minuet in
the glittering ballrooms of Ver-
sailles. Now, gentlemen, what do
you offer me for this instrument?"
There was a long silence.

"Five bob," said one at length.
"It's yours," declared the
auctioneer cheerfully. "Now for
lot 25."

BIRTH ON TRAMCAR.

DAUGHTER TO A CHINESE
PASSENGER.

Whilst travelling on a tramcar
between Shaukiwan and Causeway
Bay, a Chinese woman gave birth
to a daughter at 12.15 a.m. yester-
day.

She was removed from the car
when the latter reached the Ery
View Station, and as soon as it
was possible to do so, was taken
to the St. Paul's Hospital at Cause-
way Bay.

STRIKE CONTINUES IN SZECHUAN.

LI CHAI-SUM TALKS OF AN EXPEDITION.

FORCE MAY BE USED.

Canton, Nov. 27. Commenting on the general political outlook in South China, Marshal Li Chai-sum expressed some interesting opinions regarding the present conditions in Szechuan at a meeting held at the Canton Military Headquarters yesterday.

Marshal Li said that for the time being there are two outstanding questions likely to have far-reaching effects for the people of Kwangtung. The first problem was that of the demobilisation of troops. The carrying out of this movement, he said, was in compliance with the orders of the National Government at Nanking. While expressing determination to co-operate sincerely with the Nanking Headquarters in the matter of disbanding superfluous troops, Marshal Li said he would not forget that for the preservation of peace and prosperity in the Province a reasonable and adequate number of troops was necessary.

Referring to political developments in Szechuan, Marshal Li pointed out that on account of the remoteness of its geographical situation, the position in Szechuan at present was most obscure. While he was in Nanking a number of petitions and requests came to the National Government from the people of Szechuan requesting the Government that a punitive expedition be sent into Szechuan, where remnants of the Northern troops were provoking petty quarrels which often resulted in retaliation on the field of battle.

Marshal Li said that a proposal had been made that the troops of Generals Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hai, both of whom were his colleagues, should send a force from Hubei to suppress the quarrels in Szechuan. However, concluded the speaker, though the suggestion had been made, the sending of the expedition had for the time being been postponed until such a movement became a necessity.

BIGGER CAPITAL FOR U. S. BANK.

NATIONAL CITY BANK'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

New York, Nov. 27. The directors of the National City Bank have recommended to their stockholders, the issue of a further \$50,000,000 of stock, \$10,000,000 to be used to increase the capital from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Of the remainder, \$35,000,000 will be added to the surplus making it also \$100,000,000, and the remaining \$5,000,000 will be applied to the capital of the Bank's investment subsidiary, making it \$50,000,000.

The National City Bank is already the largest banking institution in the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TWO BANISHEES.

BIRCHING AND PRISON SENTENCES.

Banished only eighteen months ago for a term of ten years, a Chinese who disobeyed his order of deportation was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, and on pleading guilty, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch. If, after examination, the defendant be certified as unfit for birching, a further nine months' hard labour will have to be served in default. The defendant had a previous conviction under the Opium Ordinance and another for assault.

Another banishee who was deported in 1923 for ten years was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour. The defendant's criminal record, which was handed to the Magistrate, was not divulged.

TYPHOON FILLING UP?

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone is now over the Sea of Japan. The typhoon is stationary about 400 miles S.E. of Hongkong. It may be filling up, but this is not yet certain. The position of the second typhoon is uncertain. Strong N.E. winds are reported at Pratas and strong N.W. winds to the south of the Paracels. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

THE NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS.

SIR JOSEPH WARD'S PARTY TO DOMINATE?

STRENGTH OF PARTIES.

Wellington, Nov. 27. The final state of the parties in the New Zealand Parliament as the result of the General Election, confirm the severity of the Government's set-back, though the forecasts in two districts have proved incorrect, the Government retaining their seats against strong Socialist and Independent candidates.

The net result is a loss to the Government of nearly half their seats, a gain to the combined Liberals and Independent Liberals of 16 seats, a gain to the Labour Party of five, and a gain to the Independents of 3.

Three Independents have pledged their support to Sir Joseph Ward, the leader of the United Liberals. He is thus able to command a greater number of votes than the old Government. The final state is as follows:

Reform Party (Gov.)	29
United Liberals	27
Labour	19
Independents	5
At the dissolution, the House was made up as follows:	
Reform Party	53
Liberals	11
Labour	14
Independent	2

FOREIGN ACTORS IN AMERICA.

NEW RESTRICTIONS IN FORCE.

New York, Nov. 27. The Actors' Equity Association to-day put into effect the regulations restricting alien actors which were adopted by the Association at its annual meeting in May.

These prohibit any player who has not gained resident membership in the Association by playing here for 100 weeks between January 1, 1923, and January 1, 1928, from appearing in any production, unless especially engaged for the part.

They also provide, in such instances, that, on the conclusion of the run of that particular play, the actor must return to the country whence he came or remain idle for six months.

In one or two instances, actors have already been removed from plays in rehearsal which would have appeared within the next few weeks. Most of those who are affected by the ban are English. Although there has been much loose talk of "indignation" on either side (our Theatrical Correspondent writes), the new regulations are not likely to have any very disastrous effect upon the interchange of either of plays or of competent and popular actors.

In view of the regulations of the British Ministry of Labour, there is obviously nothing unfair in the American demand that after the end of a run an actor or actress must leave the United States or remain inactive for six months, unless qualified for residence by a hundred weeks' work.

HUSBAND SHOT.

POLICEMAN GIVES EVIDENCE AGAINST MOTHER.

George Ernest Colyer, of Rhode Court Farm, Selling (Kent), hanged into Court at Faversham recently when his wife, Gwendoline Winifred Colyer, appeared for the third time charged with shooting him with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

George Guy Colyer, a son, who is in the Metropolitan Police, said the shooting occurred while he was at home on leave on September 21. His father had been drinking and was quarrelsome. A little later he saw his mother had a gun pointed at his father. She said, "Look out, I am going to shoot." The gun then went off, and his father staggered back against the wall.

Mr. Colyer, told that he was not compelled to give evidence against his wife, said he would like to say anything that would help her. She had been a perfect wife to him, and he had tried her very much.

Mr. Mowll, for the wife, submitted that there was no evidence that she knew the gun was loaded or that she intended to do more than frighten her husband.

NEW MINISTERS.

Shanghai, Nov. 28. It is reported that Dr. C. C. Wu has been appointed Minister to the United States vice Mr. Alfred Sze, who has been appointed Minister to Great Britain.—*Nam Ching Pao.*

ANOTHER CHINESE FLIGHT.

CANTON TO-MANCHURIA AND BACK.

TO COMMENCE TO-DAY.

Canton, Nov. 27. Another long-distance flight, this time round the China Coast to Manchuria, has been planned by Lieutenant Chan Hing-won, Commander of the Bocca Tigra Force, who will be accompanied by Lieut. Chai Yik-hang, principal of the Canton Aviation School, and two other airmen.

It is stated that the plane, named the "Pearl River," will leave Canton to-morrow and the flight will be along the coast, from Canton to Foochow, Chekiang, then Shanghai, thence to Chefoo and finally to Manchuria.

On their return trip the airmen will leave Manchuria for Tientsin, then visit Nanking, the Nationalist capital, Hankow, Chungking, Changsha, and finally return to Canton.

A Government banquet was held in Canton last night in honour of the departing airmen.

HOUSE COOLIE SENTENCED.

STOLE KOWLOON LADY'S GOLD RING.

A gold finger-ring set with a diamond, valued at \$150, figured in a larceny case before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, when Mrs. E. D. Kay, of No. 76, Nathan Road, prosecuted her house coolie on a charge of theft.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Sergeant Fowle informed his Worship that the complainant had made a report to the police of the loss of the ring, which was stolen from a jewellery case in her bedroom some time between November 22 and 27. She told the police that she suspected the house coolie, who, on being questioned, admitted the larceny and took the police to a pawnshop where the ring had been pledged for \$20.

In sentencing the defendant to three months' hard labour, his Worship remarked that he had not only stolen but had been guilty of a breach of trust. The pawnbroker was reprimanded for accepting such a valuable ring from a man like the defendant, and his Worship ordered that the article be returned to the complainant without costs.

DR. TSO BEREAVED.

DAUGHTER PASSES AWAY IN HOSPITAL.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, at the French Hospital this morning, of Miss Tso Shuk-ki, eldest daughter of Dr. S. W. Tso O.B.E., L.D.S., after a week's illness. The funeral will take place to-morrow, starting from the French Hospital at 11 a.m., later passing the University where friends can pay their last respects, and from there the cortege will proceed to the Chinese Permanent Cemetery.



"Now what could be more square? You do my home work and I'll wave to you and holler 'Hello, Eddie' every time I make a touchdown."

BRITISH RATING RELIEF.

NEW PLANS AROUSE MUCH INTEREST.

EXISTING DEFECTS.

London, Nov. 27. The Government proposals, of which the relief of industry from, and a more even distribution of, local rates form part, is attracting widespread interest throughout the country. Since the last great reform of the machinery of local administration, in 1894, the population has increased by ten millions and its distribution has been altered. New industries have sprung up, and certain old ones have declined, while local expenditure has risen from £36,000,000 annually to £250,000,000.

The chief defects of the existing system of local administration were surveyed by Mr. Chamberlain under five headings.

Firstly, the survival of boards of guardians for relief of the poor, whose functions and areas overlapped those of other authorities.

Secondly, the crippling burden imposed upon certain authorities by the cost of roads damaged by non-local traffic.

Thirdly, the rigidity of local Government area boundaries.

Fourthly, the injustice of the rating system which has slowly strangled industry and agriculture.

Fifthly, the chaos in the relationship of local to national finance, which has resulted in the weakest authorities being helped least.

The Bill, he said, sought to correct these defects by abolishing the guardians, by providing for de-rating of productive industry by extending boundaries of areas controlled by local authorities, by handing over to these wider authorities the care of roads carrying through traffic, and by varying the system whereby grants are made from the national exchequer to local authorities by instituting a system of block grants distributed according to local needs, instead of percentage grants made in proportion to expenditure incurred on social services by local authorities.

The debate will be continued to-day and to-morrow, after which the 115 clauses and twelve schedules of the Bill will be considered in detail by the Commons in committee.—*British Wireless.*

LATEST NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

HERMES TO GO SOUTH TO-MORROW.

H.M.S. Kent, the flagship of the China Squadron arrived at Shimizu from Kusanabe on Tuesday in continuation of her cruise to Japanese ports.

H.M.S. Herald arrived in Hongkong this morning.

The "Hermes" will leave to-morrow on a southern cruise, during which Jusselson, Kudat and Manila will be visited. The aircraft carrier will return here on December 20. She was originally due to sail on Monday but did not leave harbour owing to the presence of the typhoon in Southern waters.

H.M.S. Cumberland will carry out her southern cruise by leaving Hongkong on December 28 and returning here on February 14 next year.

BURGLAR BEATEN & BOUND.

FOREIGN COUPLE'S FIGHT WITH INTRUDER.

YOKOHAMA INCIDENT.

A burglar who broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jordan, 219 Bluff, Yokohama, early on the morning of November 17 was beaten within an inch of his life by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan using fists, a stove poker and light walking stick.

The burglar, who proved to be an ex-convict with a long police record, was finally bound hand and foot and turned over to the police. He had been armed with a sharp screwdriver which he used as a stiletto but failed to inflict more than slight cuts on Mr. Jordan's arms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, however, were bruised. Mrs. Jordan was choked—and both were rather upset by their long struggle with the intruder which started in an upstairs room, moved down the stairs, through the house, out a rear door and finally ended in a runaway between the house and garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had attended a dance at the Imperial Hotel Friday evening and arrived home about 2 o'clock. They retired shortly afterward but before Mr. Jordan went to sleep he heard a suspicious sound downstairs but he attributed it to the wind. After 3 o'clock he sank into a light sleep only to be aroused by the same sound near the foot of the bed. Rising quietly he saw the burglar sorting out clothes and working a small pocket flash at intervals.

Stabbed With Screwdriver.

Mr. Jordan made one leap from his bed and had the man by the throat. The burglar drew his screwdriver and stabbed but Mr. Jordan caught his hand and partially warded off the blow. Mrs. Jordan was awakened by this time and as her husband held the burglar she called to her to bring a walking stick. Mrs. Jordan promptly brought the stick but instead of passing it to her husband she herself began raining blows on the intruder's head.

The burglar and Mr. Jordan went to the floor and the burglar lost his screwdriver but managed to roll on top and gain the upper hand for a moment. Immediately he leaped from Mr. Jordan to the woman who was lying on with all her might. Had the stick been heavier she would have knocked the burglar out then and there but he grabbed her by the throat. Mr. Jordan then rose, grabbed the stick, tried for a knock-out blow at the back of the man's head but again the stick failed to do the work.

The fight moved to the top of the stairs and with a right to the stomach Mr. Jordan knocked the man down stairs, staggering after him. The burglar regained his feet, darted into a washroom where he was cornered but lunged outward and went over Mr. Jordan into the living room. The husband followed, picked up a small iron poker and waded in again.

Poker Used.

This time he brought blood with a head splitting blow across the man's face. Keeping up the attack with blood streaming from the burglar's face, he fought until the blood-coated poker slipped from his hands. Then Mr. Jordan fought with his fists but the burglar was getting enough of it and tried to escape through the servants' quarters and a rear exit.

By this time the cook was up and Mr. Jordan and the cook pursued the man into the runway, fell on him and brought him to the ground for the last time. An ayah brought a trunk rope and the man was bound hand and foot and his head tied to an iron window grating. The police arrived and took the delirious man to the police station where they established his identity as Kinjuro Kaneko, 49 years old. He is believed to have broken into the homes of several foreigners on the Bluff recently.

To mark his services to science and mining, Sir Henry Hall has been presented with the medal of the Institute of Mining Engineers.

"There is more injury done with women's poisonous tongues than with anything else in this wide World."—A husband, at Marylebone.

A man of 64 was given 68 years to pay off, by instalments, a £147 debt at Hull.

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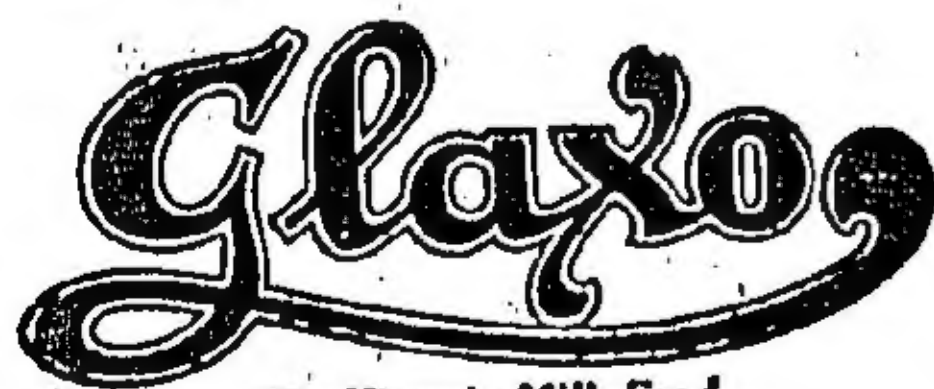
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Dr. Pinto de Lima, new Portuguese Consul in London, took up his duties on November 14.

Among the magistrates sworn in at London Sessions were Mrs. Philip Snowden and Lady (Trustam) Eve.

The Rugby League Cup final will be played at Wembley on the first Saturday in May.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

Drawn matches in local League cricket are nothing unusual, but to have all of one Saturday afternoon's fixtures uncompleted is very rare, if it has ever happened before.

Kowloon C. C. in the First Division, are to be sympathised with for their failure to obtain the full points from Craigengower. They have, however, gone to the top of the League table and I certainly expect them to stay there for some time. R. C. Reed, who played for the Kowloon last year, saved the Happy Valley side from defeat. He batted carefully for 28 not out and when partnering in the last wicket he defended stubbornly.

Bruce and Ramsay were again to the fore in the Kowloon innings, and, once they had their eye in, they knocked the bowling about freely. I notice that Teddy Fincher has practically dropped out of the picture in batting. He has not done anything to speak of yet this season, and it seems now that his wicket is rather more easily penetrated. Last year his speciality was sound defensive play.

Chinese R.C. are highly gratified with their performance against the Navy, and well they might be, as it must have been a long time ago since they have secured a point in their first match of the season. With the introduction of young blood in the team, one notices a greater enterprise shown by the Chinese batsmen and there is certainly more "life" in the field nowadays. The Navy scoring was particularly slow, and, after batting for quite two hours, they were obliged to declare with 149 for nine wickets. I was very pleased to see the splendid form shown by W. C. Hung, the young skipper of the Chinese team. Besides being an uncommonly useful bowler, Hung is also a fine forceful bat.

In the Junior League, Craigengower 2nd XI were out to surprise the strong Kowloon side, and they very nearly succeeded. Of the eight batsmen who had a knock, seven got into double figures and Kowloon were set 167 runs to win. Fritz had a long spell with the ball and was bowling really well, and but for Lee who made 56 not out and who more or less wore out the other bowlers, Kowloon would have been in a very sorry plight.

Electric R. C., one of the weakest teams in the Second Division, upset calculations at Civil Service, and, on their form on Saturday, they deserved to win. Cahagan had hard luck in just failing to get into three figures—he was not on emulating the performance of his team-mate, Murdoch, who made a century against the University a few weeks ago.

The Civil Service found Banks and Way very difficult to play. Given another couple of overs it was very likely that these bowlers would have carried their side to victory.

The Navy 2nd v. R.A.S.C. match, although it was unfinished, was very one-sided, the former having the upper hand practically all the time. E.R.A. Sparrow, played chiefly for his bowling, made top score for the Navy. The R.A.S.C. had lost nine wickets for only 47 runs when time intervened and robbed the sailors of victory.

The Civil Service v. H.K.C.C. fixture, down for decision in the Senior Division this week, should be well worth watching. If the Club can field their strongest eleven—I am not sure that all their regular players will be available as some may be away in Camp with the Volunteers—I think they should just about get away with it. Both teams will be strongly represented in batting, so that a drawn game is not unlikely.

Craigengower will probably get their first victory at the expense of the Chinese, but a great deal will depend on which side will take first knock. I do not think Craigengower's attack will be good enough to dismiss the Chinese in time if the former go in to bat first.

Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI will entertain Civil Service. The issue of this match will probably be a win for the visiting side. The Craigengower second team will cross over to Club de Recreo in search of points, and if they can reproduce their form of last week, I should not be surprised to see them beat the one-time strong Portuguese combination.

CANTON ROWING CLUB.

NEXT REGATTA IN JANUARY.

The Canton Rowing Club is holding its next Regatta on Saturday, 19th January. The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club has been invited to participate in several of the events and it is expected that it will send up crews.

An excellent programme has been arranged by the Committee including Junior Fours (Canton and Hongkong), 1 mile; Senior Pairs (Canton and Hongkong), 3/4 mile; Naval Race (French and British Gunboats stationed in Canton), 3/4 mile; Junior Pairs (Canton and Hongkong), 3/4 mile; Junior Double Sculls (Canton Rowing Club only), 3/4 mile; Senior Fours (Canton and Hongkong), 1 mile.

The course will be as usual on the Belcher's Island reach, just within the harbour limits. Arrangements will be made for the spectators on British and French gunboats and on various launches and houseboats loaned by the different firms of Shamen.

Canton has recently acquired an important addition to its outmen in the person of Mr. R. Rasmussen who has just been transferred from Hongkong. Mr. O. Friessner, Captain of Rowing, is the mainstay of the Canton crews and is chiefly responsible for all the organisation and training of crews in connexion with the Regatta.

A very large number of spectators is expected and this regatta will have a very special interest as it will be the first meeting between Hongkong and Canton since 1922, and several of the old inter-club cups will again be competed for.

—Our Own Correspondent.

L. R. C. TENNIS.

THE MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The result of the first round of the Men's Club Championship Singles at the L.R.C. is as follows: C. Grove W. O. from R. M. Henderson.

N. Evans beat C. Mathias 6-3, 6-3.

G. W. Sewell beat J. G. Lawrie 11-9, 6-2.

R. E. Tottenham beat J. E. W. Allen 6-0, 6-2.

The second round to be completed by 4th December.

SHAMEEN TENNIS.

In the final of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club's Men's Handicap Doubles, Messrs. A. T. Lay and J. Rodger defeated Messrs. M. A. Annett and F. Gandossi by 5/7, 6/2, 6/2.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

PROTEST AGAINST A LEAGUE APPOINTMENT.

There are about 3,000,000 Russian exiles scattered over Europe and America. During the League session, which ended last June, delegates of twelve nations signed a statute applying to Russian and American emigrants, and it is proposed to place Dr. Nansen, as High Commissioner, in control of an Executive Committee to take charge of their fate and have power to select sub-commissioners in individual countries.

This plan, states the "Patriot" in its current issue, has met with the strongest objections, and representatives of the Russian exiles have addressed a protest to the League. They point out that "Mr. Fritz Nansen, honorary citizen of the U.S.S.R., and an old friend of the Soviets, is certainly unfit to represent the interests of Russians who have fled from the cruelty and terror of the Soviets, and protest against the absence of any 'right of appeal against unfair decisions of the sub-commissioners or even those of the High Commissioner himself.'"

When five years ago Dr. Nansen was appointed by the League to deal with the Russian refugee question, and also to act as Commissioner for the relief of the famine-stricken population in Russia, refugee organisations in London protested in similar terms. Dr. Nansen's proceedings then, points out the "Patriot," were not calculated to inspire the confidence of non-Bolshevist Russians.

NEW SHIP LAUNCH AT TAIKOO.

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Invited Guests.

Amongst those invited to witness the launching ceremony were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Shouson and Lady Chow, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, Captain Snagge, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Brennan and Miss Komble, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, the Hon. Mr. Mel. Messer, General, Mrs. and Miss Laard, Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hynes, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Kotowall, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Miss Owen-Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Remington, Miss Oakley, Col. and Mrs. Skinner, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. Halifax, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. North, Commodore and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawder, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Hancock, Captain Mitchell, R.N., Mr. E. Butler (representing the Straits Steamship Company) and Mr. Henderson supervising construction.

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Accommodation for 16 first-class passengers is arranged on the shade deck in large state-rooms fitted up in the most up-to-date style. The first-class dining saloon, at the forward end of the shade deck is fitted with large windows and handsomely furnished in hardwood furniture. Just aft of the saloon an attractive stairway leads to the first class lounge and smoke room on the promenade deck, the promenade space provides ample room for deck games. Rooms for 18 second-class passengers are arranged aft with dining saloon, etc.

The machinery, which consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 11" 19" and 31 1/2" diameters with a stroke of 20" with two cylindrical Scotch boilers, has been designed and constructed by the Taikoo Dockyard.

The vessel is being built in accordance with the British Corporation Register of Shipping's highest class for this service, and when complete will be a worthy addition to this Company's fine fleet of vessels on this service.

BROKEN TRADITION.

A. M. CRAWLEY PASSED OVER OXFORD CAPTAINCY.

The passing over of A. M. Crawley for the Captaincy of the Oxford Eleven must cause all those who are interested in Oxford cricket some surprise. It used to be the custom established over many generations for the Secretary of the O.U.C.C. to succeed, in the following year, to the Captaincy, the Secretary being appointed with that definite object in view; and he automatically became Captain unless he had lost form or his health.

For many years Oxford cricket has been under a cloud. Not to put too fine a point upon it, it was definitely felt that the organisation was so bad and so little trouble was taken that the fixture list was small in quantity and poor in quality, and the grass in the outfield was not even properly cut for the match with the Australians two years ago—a poor compliment indeed to the greatest of our cricketing dominions.

Last season Crawley was secretary, and everything was changed. He arranged the best list of fixtures Oxford has ever had, he inspired everyone with a great enthusiasm, and in the absence through illness of the captain, M. A. McCallis, until the middle of June, he led the side with success.

A Secretary's Inspiration. To anyone visiting Oxford last season to see the cricket, the contrast was astonishing. In place of a lethargy that could almost be felt one found a genuine zest for the game. Moreover, Crawley battled better than any Oxonian

ROSE DAY APPEAL.

FORGET-ME-NOTS FOR YOUR BUTTONHOLE.

"Roses, roses, roses! Oh, buy a Rose from St. Vincent de Paul!" "From St. Vincent de Paul?" I turned to meet the smiling eyes of a little one, whose dimpled cheeks mirrored the rose more truly than the imitation flowers in her basket. "You are not Vincent de Paul, and your roses are no roses!" she said, "I am of Vincent de Paul," she said, "and my roses are true forget-me-nots."

I understood, but I wanted more of the wisdom of childhood. I would bargain. "And how much do you want for your roses that are not roses, but forget-me-nots?"

"Ah, Sir, you do not understand. These flowers have no market price, they show the value of your heart. That is why I said they are forget-me-nots. They are the forget-me-nots of the poor: they are the forget-me-nots of the distressed. If I gave you a real rose for your buttonhole it would fade at the close of the day. These flowers will never fade. You will throw away to-morrow the flower which I give you to-day, but an Angel of God will pick it up. One day you will hear, with surprise, that 'you visited the sick, you fed the hungry, you clothed the naked,' you will not believe yourself the story of your good deeds, till an Angel shows you the flower which I offer you to-day."

I thought that I had understood, but these few words gave me a new understanding. For many years I had bought one of these flowers. I had dropped a ten cent piece into the box, and carefully worn the flower all day to escape the importunity of other sellers, to show the world that "I had done my bit: ten cent bit!"

To-day, the egoism of my soul was revealed by the simple words of the child: "These flowers have no market value, they show the value of your own heart."

I looked at the cigar between my fingers: my mind worked, rapid as the abacus, on all the dollars spent on this pleasure alone—and the wines I sipped whilst smoking! In my attache case was the latest novel for which I had paid five dollars, and I had given a ten cent piece to "feed the poor, to clothe the naked, to comfort the comfortless!" These flowers show the value of your own heart. The words burned into my soul. That day the rosy-cheeked child changed all I had with me—thirty dollars I think—into forget-me-nots. She did more; she made me enquire about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. I learned that it has been working quietly in Hongkong since 1863, that whilst I was enjoying my five-dollar novel, or my cigar, or the sensational play at the theatre, men like myself, business-men, professional men, some in the prime of life, some starting life, some in life's evening were visiting the homes of the poor, helping to feed them, to pay their rent, to provide for them and their little ones in time of sickness, to pay for the education of their children, to meet the travelling expenses of poor children who lived at a distance from school. All this work is going on quietly. Help is given to all deserving ones: there is no distinction made of race or of creed. These men who sacrifice themselves and their time are, to all intents and purposes, dependent on this annual collection and the Vincent de Paul Bazaar to carry on their noble work. I had contributed ten cents and proudly worn my rose all day! I have told you simply, render, the lesson which I learned from the little one. And when her daughter—she will be her daughter—offers you a rose, you may remember to change it into a forget-me-not which shows the value of your heart.

G. B.

has done since the late R. E. Foster, and folded brilliantly; and his fine cricket, together with that of B. G. T. Kingsley and J. H. Garland-Wells, drew thousands to the Parks. The revival of Oxford cricket was chiefly his work. Later he played for the Gentlemen at Lord's.

Surely there has been a lack of gratitude and of generosity in not electing Crawley captain, and if the old custom is not to be observed it would be better, one ventures to think, if it was stated officially and definitely that the post of secretary is not necessarily a stepping stone to the leadership. The present system strikes one as tending only to disappointment, to ill-feeling, and to the destruction of that morale and camaraderie so necessary in a cricket team.

The new Captain, A. T. Barber, is to be congratulated on his appointment, but his task is not made easier by what has taken place. Of one thing, however, it may be certain, and that is that he will have no more loyal supporter, or one who will work harder for the side than Crawley, who of a lethargy that could almost be felt one found a genuine zest for the game. Moreover, Crawley battled better than any Oxonian

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MINISTER'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC.

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Sir Austen spoke with freshness and vigour, and gave the impression that he was nearly at his best physically, though slight traces of his recent illness still show on his face.

"I hope I am true to the best traditions of peace in my dealing with foreign affairs," Sir Austen declared in a brief address after dinner. "Britain, and the five of nations associated with her in the Empire, can look without jealousy on the prosperity of the other nations." In England to-day you find none of the old carelessness about Empire, none of the old lack of interest. We watch your development with surprise and admiration, and we always hope that numbers of our people will continue to bring their industry and skill to help develop Canada.

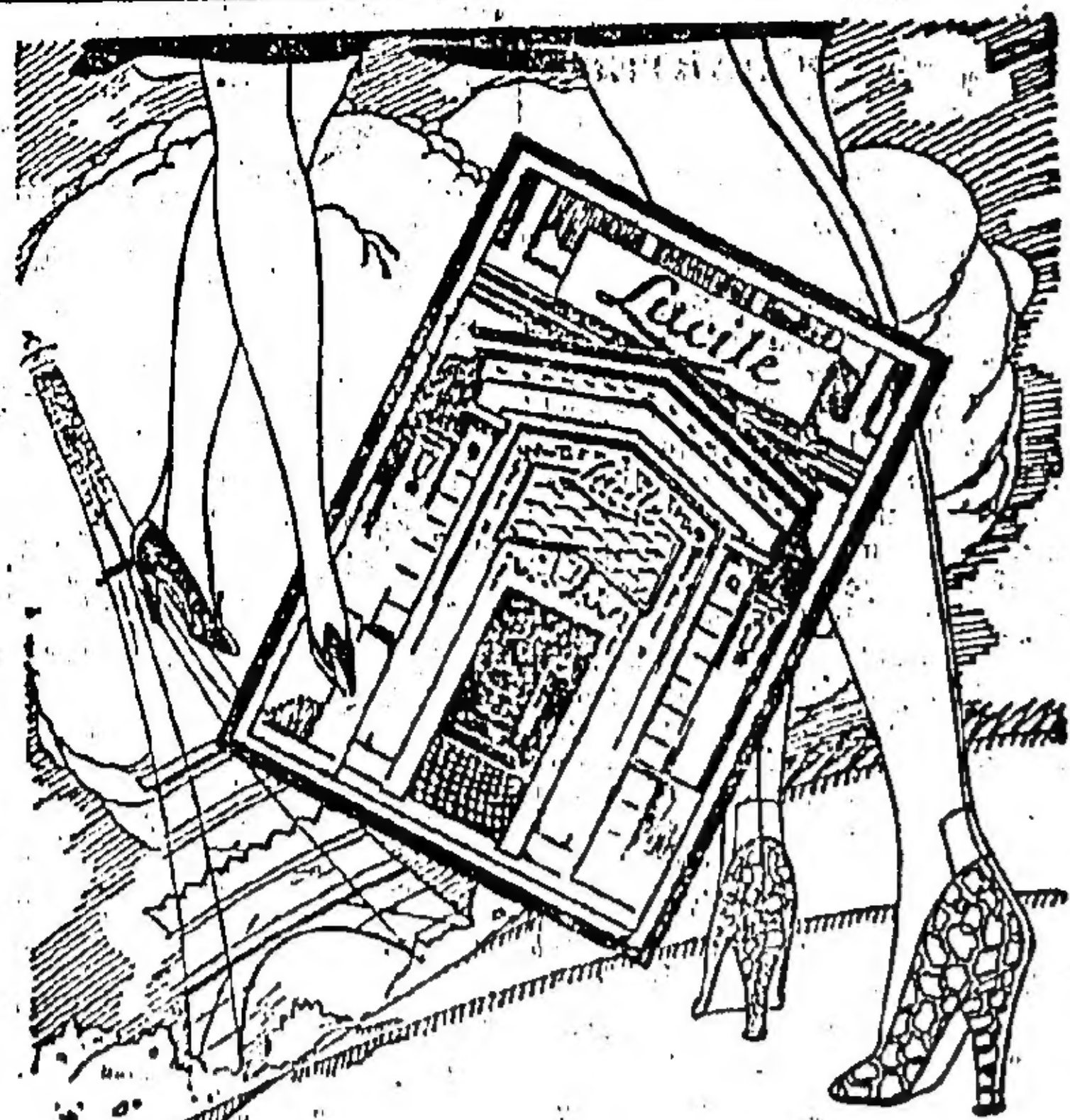
"Great Britain and the British Empire wish well to all, and desire to live in peace and friendship. Such has been the direction of our foreign policy. I gain the utmost satisfaction from the thought that in some small way I can further the efforts of the Empire in preserving world peace."

Trade Revival.

Responding to the Birmingham welcome, Sir Austen stated that there were signs of a great revival in trade and enterprise in Birmingham and England and in Britain generally. Birmingham still lived up to its motto of "Forward."

Sir Austen, referring to his family, stated that he was always aware that three members had sat in the Cabinet and he endeavoured to live true to the best traditions of his father.

There was a touching interlude when an aged woman came forward and said "God bless you, Sir Austen, for 'old Birmingham's' sake." Sir Austen smiled, saluted her, and thanked her.



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SEVENTY-FOUR DRAWN LAST EVENING.

Seventy-four subscription griffins for the Hongkong Jockey Club annual race meeting arrived by the s.s. Chih Shing on Monday night and were drawn for at the Jockey Club stables yesterday evening. The ponies had a good voyage and all of them looked in excellent condition. They are a very even lot—one of the best consignments that have been sent down—and were favourably commented upon by the crowd of interested racegoers who witnessed the draw. If initial appearances are anything to go by, then the racing next season in the subscription griffins class should be more than usually interesting.

There were several ponies which caught the eye, notably one drawn by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Mr. A. H. White secured a very promising bay, as also did Mr. Harold Seth. Good ponies were also drawn by Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. James, Mr. Mancunian, Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Mr. Li Tao-fong, Mr. J. C. Macgown, Mr. E. L. Ho and Mrs. Dyer.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) was an interested spectator. The draw was made by Mrs. Southern and Mrs. Mackie, and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. F. Sutton also took part. The result was as follows:

Mrs. Pearce	Grey.
Messrs. Mackie and Hynes	Chen.
Mrs. Southern	Pbid.
Mr. T. E. Pearce	S. Roan.
Mr. H. H. Priestley	Dun.
Messrs. Mackie and Hynes	Chen.
Mr. Ho Kom-long	Chen.
Mrs. Pearce	Bay.
Mr. M. M. Watson	White.
Mrs. Priestley	Bay.
Messrs. Alonquin	Grey.
Mr. A. H. White	Bay.
Mr. W. T. Cheung	White.
Mr. McWhirter	Grey.
Mr. T. E. Pearce	Grey.
Messrs. Dyer and Beith	Brown.
Mr. Pierre Grove	Chen.
Messrs. T. N. Chau and	Black.
Chun Tin-sun	Bay.
Mr. G. W. Sewell	Bay.
Mr. H. P. White	Dun.
Mrs. Hoshim	Grey.
Mr. Chun Hin-nan	Grey.
Dr. S. To Wong	Black.
Mr. Bobbet	Grey.
Mr. Ho Sai-man	Bay.
Mr. W. T. Stanton	Chen.
Mr. Splits	Bay.
Messrs. Harry and Henry	Dun.
Mr. B. D. F. Belth	Chen.
Mr. H. A. Seth	Bay.
Mr. H. A. Seth	Grey.
Mr. Mok Kon-sang	Chen.
Sir Victor Sassoon	Bay.
Mr. James	Grey.
Mr. Mancunian	Brown.
Mr. Chan Pih-chuen	Black.
Mr. Hee Cheong	Dun.
Mr. Mancunian	Bay.
Messrs. Tester and	Black.
Abraham	Brown.
Wing-fong Mosa	Chen.
Mr. Li Tao-fong	Grey.
Messrs. Dyer and Beith	Dun.
Mrs. Belth	I. Grey.
Mr. Hee Cheong	Chen.
Mr. J. C. Macgown	Brown.
Mr. E. Rouillon	Brown.
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton	Grey.
Mr. Hoshim	Dun.
Mr. E. L. Sim	I. Grey.
Mr. Li Tao-fong	J. Grey.
Messrs. Hin Suen-yung	Brown.
and Henry Tong Shing	Grey.
Mr. Hoshim	Brown.
Messrs. Mackie and Hynes	Dun.
Messrs. Lau and Lee	I. Grey.
Mr. E. L. Hsieh	Cream.
Mr. H. K. H.	Dun.
Mr. B. M. Austin	Sptd. Dun.
Mr. P. W. D.	Grey.
Mr. O. Kitchell	Chen.
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton	Chen.
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek	Chen.
Messrs. T. N. Chau and	Grey.
Chun Tin-sun	Grey.
Sir Victor Sassoon	Chen.
Mr. J. S. Gubbay	Black.
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek	I. Grey.
Messrs. Lau and Lee	Brown.
Mr. H. R. Sturt	Grey.
Mr. Topalpe	Grey.
Mr. B. M. Austin	Brown.
Mrs. Dyer	Brown.
Mr. B. D. F. Belth	Brown.
Mr. Ho Kom-long	Brown.
Mr. Wong Ping-shun	Brown.
Mr. Ho Kom-long	Brown.

LOCAL SNOOKER.

SECOND ROUND TO COMMENCE THIS EVENING.

In the Palace Hotel snooker championship yesterday, Leung beat Lau by 100 (66, 74, 60) to 108 (26, 36, 46). Kirby conceded a walk-over to Hawke. To-day sees the commencement of the second round. At 8 p.m., F. E. Silva will meet E. A. dos Remedios; and at 9 p.m. H. J. White will play J. Wicheil.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB DE RECREIO DEFEAT Y.M.C.A. TEAM.

The Y. M. C. A. hockey side were defeated by the Club de Recreio at King's Park yesterday, by one goal to nil, after a brisk game. From the commencement, the Recreio were always slightly better, and had most of the game. The goal came early in the first half, from J. Noronha.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL.

MEETING CONSIDERS VARIOUS QUESTIONS.

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association was held in the Board-room, South China Morning Post Building, last evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. F. C. Hall.

The minutes of previous meetings having been read and passed, a report was received from the Hon. Treasurer relative to the financial result of the Charity match held in connexion with Poppy Day. It was shown that as compared with the effort of the previous year, when \$1,814 was collected, there had been a considerable dropping off in the receipts, only \$327 being received in gross takings from the match played on the Monday following Armistice Day. For this big drop the meeting found a reason in the activities of poppy-sellers and others on the Saturday and Sunday preceding, which left the pockets of the public considerably depleted when the match came round.

It was proposed and seconded at the meeting that the total gross receipts for the Poppy Day match shall be sent to the British Legion, and that in view of the small amount of such gross takings, the expenses incurred in connexion with the match, amounting to about \$125, be borne by the Hongkong Football Association.

Correspondence from Captain Austin, of the South China Command Sports Board, was read relative to the organization of certain matches in which the Army was interested. It was decided that the game between the Army and the Navy be played, possibly on the Club ground, on December 18, and that between the Army and the Rest, in connexion with the Army Branch of the M.C.C. be played at Sookunpo on January 1.

The question of Sunday playing was again brought before the meeting, and the position being still left uncertain, it was postponed for full discussion at the next general meeting of the Council.

The following were appointed to the Selection Committees for the England and Scotland teams: England, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. G. T. May and Captain Austin, M.C. Scotland, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. J. Ormiston, and Lt. MacLaren.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS.

CHINESE DEFEAT EUROPEANS ON POINTS.

An exciting billiards match was played at the European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon on Monday evening, when representatives of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. were the victors and took part in a series of six games.

The arrangements were in the hands of the Billiards Secretary, Mr. W. L. Walker, and an enthusiastic audience enjoyed some very good billiards.

The result went in favour of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on points. As games went, the score was three all. Afterwards, the European Y.M.C.A. entertained their opponents, and friends.

The highest break of the evening for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was 36, made by T. C. Cheah, and for the European Y.M.C.A. by W. L. Walker, 30. Scores:

E.Y.M.C.A. C.Y.M.C.A.
E. N. Ponsford 160 K. C. Leung 107
W. Fogwill 87 T. C. Cheah 150
W. R. Hillyer 160 K. K. Kun 130
C. Pile 145 L. L. Wong 160
T. J. Richards 187 P. N. Yeung 160
W. L. Walker 160 Y. L. Ho 145

A return match will be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Friday next, commencing at 8 p.m.

THE M.C.C. TOUR.

QUEENSLAND DEFEATED BY AN INNINGS.

Brisbane, Nov. 27.
The M.C.C. gained an easy victory over Queensland, winning by an innings and 17 runs. Queensland batted first, but could do little against the bowling of Freeman and White and were all dismissed for 110. Freeman secured five wickets for 51 runs and White four for 20.

In reply, the M.C.C. knocked up 293, Leyland being responsible for 114. Nothing was the most successful Queensland bowler, taking five wickets for 78 runs.

Queensland, going in a second time, were again dismissed cheaply and were unable to save the innings defeat. They scored 160, Geary securing five wickets for only 47 runs. —*Router.*

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New volumes of the "Intimate Papers" of Colonel House, the American envoy in the Great War, have been issued, which show this confidential adviser of President Wilson in contact with the political and military experts of the Allies.

We see him watching at close quarters the struggle between the politicians and soldiers which prolonged the war.

Sidelights are thrown on the private opinions of M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George, both of whom objected to the first of President Wilson's Fourteen Points. There was a time apparently, towards the end of 1917, when "I Lloyd George has his way, there will be no further offensives in France."

In these two volumes Colonel House continues the work which we have seen him begin; unofficial adviser of his President in America, and his eyes and ears, agent and deputy in Europe. From reading this continuation our impression is strengthened of a shrewd man according to his lights, trusted and trustworthy according to his ideas and alliances, but almost pathetically ignorant of European affairs, and judging everything from the point of view of a native manager in the Democratic cause.

With no background of history or sense of culture to give him breadth and clearness of vision, he blunders along very confidently by the light of certain Wilsonian principles of democratic application. The war is fought not to save America from ultimate conquest, but for a "new Order" of universal rights and equalities somewhat vaguely defined, but well calculated to please a democratic electorate. There were, besides, certain definite causes to be served: the German, Jewish, and Irish votes in America are not lost sight of even in the clash and clamour of European war. Colonel House was a practical politician.

All things are reckoned, almost unconsciously and inevitably from this point of view. Thus, when Russia breaks out in Bolshevik revolution, Colonel House is enthusiastic.

"It is more important, I think," he writes to the President on 16th August, 1927, "that Russia should weld herself into a virile Republic than that Germany should be bent to her knees."

The Wilsonian Aim.

Germany, in fact, is not to be bent to her knees, but only to be separated from her Government, the chief aim of Wilsonian policy.

Thus, for example, he writes on August 17, 1917:

"A statement from you setting forth the real issues would have an enormous effect, and would probably bring about such an upheaval in Germany as we desire. . . . What is needed, it seems to me, is a firm tone, full of determination, but yet breathing a spirit of liberalism and justice that will make the people of the Central Powers feel safe in your hands. . . ."

These words were written when the Pope proposed peace: the President was against taking any notice of the Vatican; but Colonel House saw an opportunity of using the occasion. If President Wilson could at once lay all the blame on "a military autocracy that does not represent the opinion of the people for whom they speak," if he could disavow the "selfish" war aims of the Allies, and indeed the whole "old, narrow, and selfish order of things"; if he could "blaze a new path" out of the "meshes of unrighteous intrigue," it would be extremely useful from every point of view. And when it was done, Colonel House thus recommended it to Mr. Balfour:

It will serve, I think, to unite Russia and add to the confusion of Germany. . . .
"If George has his Way."
With these ideas in mind, Colonel House worked hard upon the elaboration of peace terms on democratic principles; "The Inquiry," a Committee manned by Professors, with Dr. Walter Lippmann at the head of it, was organized for that purpose, and so that its recommendations could be impressed upon the Allies. Colonel House was prevailed upon by the President to go to Europe as head of an American "Peace Mission." He arrived in Plymouth on the 3rd November, 1917, on board the American cruiser Huntington.

Here, the "Super-Ambassador," as he was called by the *New York Times*, was soon plunged in the struggle going forward between the "Frocks" and the soldiers. Mr. Lloyd George, who stood for unity of control and diversity of effort, tried to get him on his side. "He said that Petain and Cadorna thoroughly approve the plan. . . . If George has his way and if he represents Petain correctly, there will be no further offensives in France, but they will wait until the United States can throw her strength on the Allied side, or until Russia can recover sufficiently to make a drive on the Eastern Front."

B. B. C. HEADQUARTERS.

NEW BUILDING TO COST
ABOUT £500,000.

London, Nov. 27.
The British Broadcasting Corporation is to have new headquarters in Portland Place, Oxford Circus, and will move from Savoy Hill as soon as the new building has been erected.

The building will have a floor area of three acres, and is expected to cost nearly £500,000.

There will be accommodation for an audience of fully 1,000 people in the largest of the studios.

It is hoped the building will be ready in 1931.—*British Wireless.*

I suggested if we definitely decided upon that policy, it might be well to make a public statement. The Germans would not receive with enthusiasm the thought that the Allies on the Western Front proposed sitting still and holding the line until the end of 1918 or the beginning of 1919, when the United States would bring her full power against them. George concurred in this view; but we left it for further discussion.

Meeting the Experts.

The idea of first deciding to do nothing and then frightening the German by telling them about it, does not strike even our civilian mind as a first-class example of that sagacity in which Mr. Lloyd George and Colonel House are thought to be prominent.

The American visitor, a guest of the British Government at Chesham House, had ample opportunities of meeting our political and military experts. Sir George McDonough, Director of Military Intelligence, paid him a visit; but "he is a canny Scot and I did not get much from him. I learned afterwards that it was because he feared Lloyd George might possibly 'scrub' his head if he told things which George desired to tell himself."

Then he received a call from Mr. Balfour, "able enough and judicious enough to see where this war is leading Europe, and he has a keen desire to bring it to an end in some way that will not make the sacrifice futile." Colonel House lunched with Mr. Bonar Law at 11, Downing-street, and gives a pathetic sketch of him:

Law is depressed and broken. Two of his sons have been killed and he cannot restrain his emotion in speaking of them. . . . The lunch was very simple. . . . He is practising economy of food, which public men preach but seldom follow. . . .

The Fourteen Points.

Colonel House was evidently impressed by Mr. Balfour and found Lord Lansdowne "a great gentleman . . . not merely in intellect and character, nor from having for a background an ancient and distinguished lineage, but in manner and in that intangible and indefinable air which comes as a gift from the gods." Colonel House had the good sense to press for a military Supreme War Council, but Mr. Lloyd George felt "it was essential" that it "should be under political control," and so it was, "the military representatives on the Council remained simply advisers to the main political body."

The rest of the third and the fourth volumes are mainly concerned with the Fourteen Points and the Covenant. The former had been proposed by President Wilson to the Allies. There was a tussle at the Quai d'Orsay on October 29, 1918, to get them accepted by the latter.

"Clemenceau at once stated that he was not inclined to commit himself and France blindly. 'Have you ever been asked by President Wilson,' he said to Lloyd George, 'whether you accept the Fourteen Points? I have never been asked.' 'I have not been asked either,' replied the British Prime Minister, and turning to Colonel House: 'What is your view? Do you think that if we agree to an armistice we accept the President's Peace terms?' 'That is my view,' replied Colonel House."

Clemenceau's View.

Then they began to discuss them. Clemenceau objected to the first. "I cannot agree," he said, "never to make a private or secret diplomatic agreement of any kind." To which Mr. Lloyd George added with equal brevity, "I do not think it possible to limit oneself."

It was finally explained away as not meaning what is said; but Mr. Lloyd George then objected to the "Freedom of the Seas" point, and was backed by M. Clemenceau. In the end, after Colonel House had determined to advise a separate peace between America and Germany, the British representatives agreed to leave the question open to be debated at the Peace Conference.

It would be unfair to its Editor to quote further from this interesting book; which leaves us confirmed in our unhappy impression of the conduct of the war by the politicians. If they had left their ideals aside until they had beaten the Boche, and confined themselves to supporting the soldiers, the war would have been shorter, and the world happier to-day.



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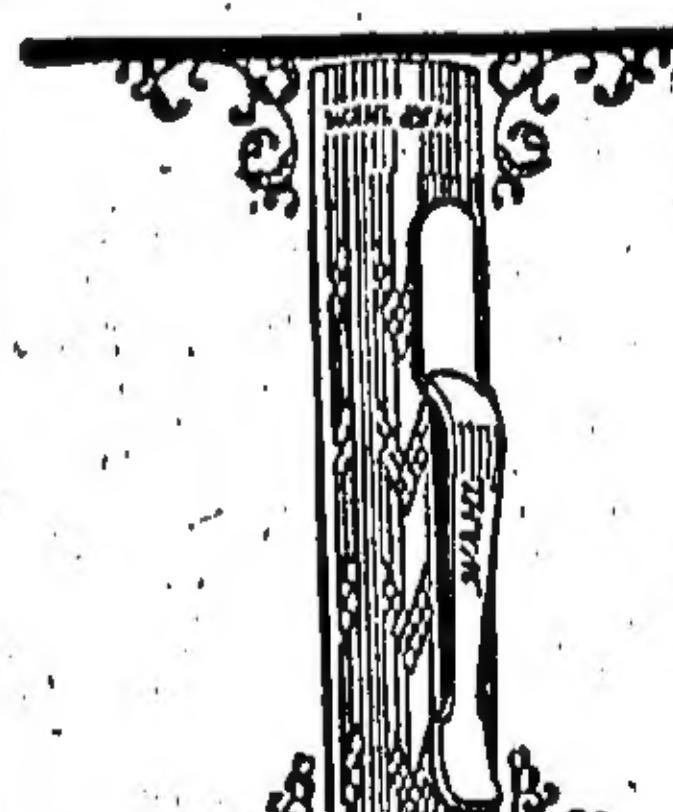
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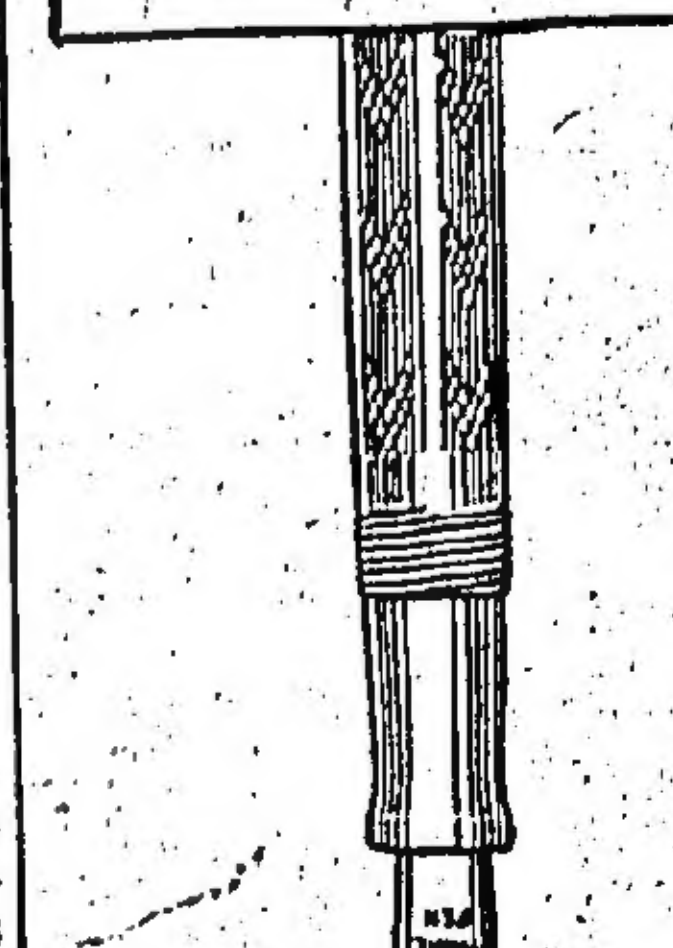
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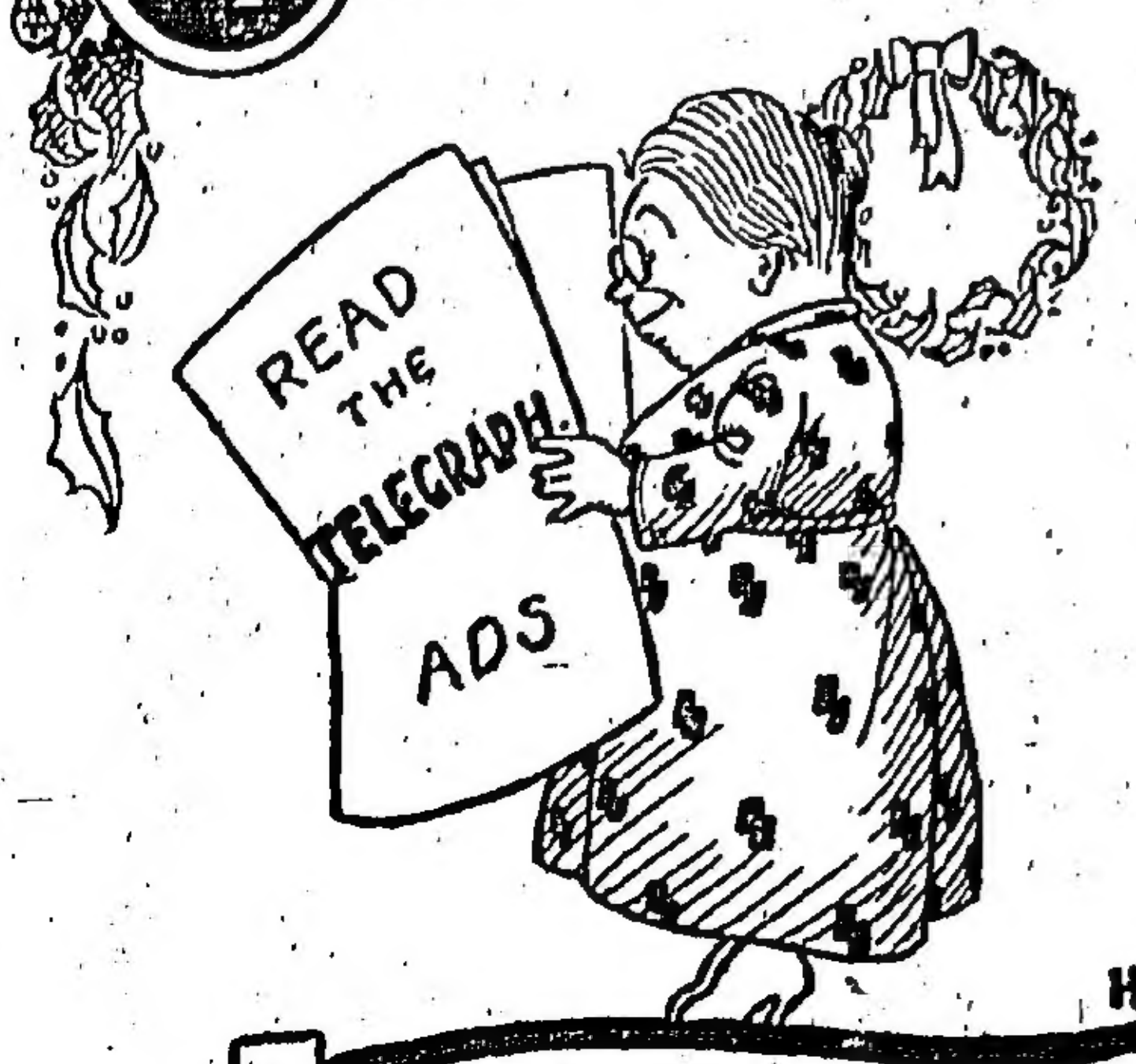
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INTERVIEW WITH DUTCH MINISTER.

Mr. Oudendyck, Minister for the Netherlands, interviewed by the N. C. D. News last week said:

With regard to the work I have been doing here, we think that China ought to have tariff autonomy. My Government also thinks that it is a right that belongs to every civilized nation. The former tariff of 5 per cent. ad valorem was fixed in a treaty with Great Britain, and it was at that time very advantageous to China. It was in the days of low tariffs all over the world and I understand that before the fixation of that tariff China did not even get 5 per cent. on her imports. So both the British and the Chinese were satisfied with the 5 per cent.

Line of Least Resistance.

Things have changed since then. It is reasonable that China should like to have tariff matters in her own hands. What I have been saying to the Chinese is that they ought to be taking the line of least resistance in every innovation that they try to introduce here, and by taking a reasonable tariff for a beginning and giving security to trade and business that the tariff will not be changed for some time, that will satisfy both the Chinese treasury and the foreign merchants.

My impression is that the Chinese will follow that line. As for the future, I think that experience will show them that a reasonable import tariff will bring more income into their treasury than a high tariff which kills trade. I think the Chinese have too much commonsense not to understand that.

In reply to a question Mr. Oudendyck stated that he was negotiating on these lines and hoped very soon to be able to put forward a tangible treaty.

Extraterritorial Regime.

In reply to a further question Mr. Oudendyck said: The question of extraterritorial rights has been touched upon, and here again in theory we must admit that every country has a right to jurisdiction in its own territory. To my mind the great difficulty lies in the fact that extraterritoriality has been running here for such a long time that lots of institutions, lots of conditions, have grown up under it that it would be cruel to change suddenly a regime which has improved and prospered, both to the advantage of the foreigners and to a great section of Chinese as well, and that, therefore the abolition of it is a matter of such great importance that can be done only in stages. And it is for those Powers who have immense interests in this country to devise ways and means acceptable to the Chinese.

That the question of the extraterritorial rights of the foreigners goes deep into the thoughts of the Chinese nation is proved by the fact that already more than 50 years ago Sir Robert Hart, who may be considered as the greatest foreigner who ever lived in China, pointed out the sting of the matter, and devised ways and means to come to a satisfactory mode of abolition, and it is only to be regretted that half a century ago his advice was not followed. I have just again been reading his book, "These From the Land of Sinim," and have been struck by the clear-

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF A TIENTSIN RESIDENT.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Colbert, wife of Dr. John W. Colbert, one of the best-known and best-liked American residents of Tientsin, passed away at Victoria Hospital on November 17. Mrs. Colbert had been ill about three weeks, the last two of which were spent at the hospital. Her illness was diagnosed as toxemia, with a complication of minor ailments.

Mrs. Colbert was a native of Peoria, Ill., aged 43, and went to Tientsin in 1923. She was a trusted employee of the Standard Oil Company for three years, and returned to California in 1923. While there she met Dr. Colbert, who went to California in 1924, when they were married.

Mrs. Colbert was identified with the Tientsin Ladies' Benevolent Society, and helped many young women, particularly Russian girls, in getting a start in life. She devoted much time to giving free instruction to the worthy poor.

Mrs. Colbert leaves a sister in Tientsin, Mrs. Maurice D'Alton.

Mr. "Louie" Lind w.

The death is announced of Mr. Louis Ladow, popularly known as "Louie," the dean of Shanghai restaurateurs and known, and liked, the length of the China Coast.

Mr. Ladow passed away in his apartment above his establishment, Ladow's Tavern, of a complication of heart and stomach ailments.

Mr. Ladow was a well known character in Shanghai and an initiator of the cabaret of to-day was called in as consultant to almost every successor he had. He was approaching his 63th birthday.

He came to the Settlement in 1893 and was for a time connected respectively with the old Metropole Hotel, the Astor House Hotel and the Majestic Hotel. It was while in the last connexion that he saw the need of a dancing place of entertainment and his first venture was the Alcazar on Avenue Haig, later he opened the Owl Grill on Kiangse Road, which combined a restaurant with a dancing hall, and once the idea caught on he moved to wider fields in opening the original Carlton, the site of the present Ladow's Tavern. That was eighteen years ago and he ruled Shanghai's night life there for many years until his ambitions became even larger and he caused to be started the new Carlton on Bubbling Well Road.

Nanking, Nov. 27.

The Sino-Italian Treaty was signed yesterday in Shanghai. The text will be released on the 30th instant.—Reuter.

news of vision of that man 50 and 28 years ago. That has convinced me more than ever now as the new China feels it more even than the old China did, that we must come to some kind of settlement of the question.

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For some considerable time past, representations have been made to the China Command by British shipping interests for military guards, but we (the N. C. D. News) are informed, the General Commanding hesitated to accede to the request. In view, however, of the exceedingly serious state of piracy in the waters, the matter was taken up in high official circles and the matter came before the War Office with the result above stated.

Hongkong Special Licence.

The situation occasioned by this decision is rather a peculiar one. The Hongkong regulations concerning the carrying of passengers to and out of Hongkong in British ships require a special licence in the case of ships carrying more than 12 passengers in all, foreign and Chinese, these regulations having special regard to piracy prevention. Not all British companies have availed themselves of this special licence as it can readily be understood that vessels carrying a maximum of 12 passengers would be extremely unlikely to be pirated by those travelling and it is further unlikely that pirates would ever attempt a piracy in such restricted accommodation.

In practically all cases of piracy, the perpetrators have mixed themselves with the hordes of Chinese deck and steerage passengers who travel continually up and down the coast and thus have evaded detection, as it is impossible to single out, say, a dozen potential pirates from a crowd of three or four hundred Chinese who look more or less alike and are drawn from the same class. This situation does not, of course, obtain when a maximum of 12 passengers are being transported.

There is no doubt, however, that a company which has not previously availed itself of the regulation referred to will take steps to enter into the scheme provided by the War Office for piracy prevention.

It is well known that the situation has been causing shipping companies the greatest concern, particularly in the last few months when almost weekly, disasters of some nature have been reported. Even if vessel in distress has been pounced on by these bands of the sea, as witness the China Merchant's str. Hainchi which was recently burnt to the water's edge after a plucky fight by officers and crew with pirates who swarmed the vessel while in a sinking condition.

The order with regard to military guards will take effect immediately and vessels leaving for destinations which will bring them in the piracy area will carry guards until further notice.

The China Merchants S. N. Co. also have the matter of the piracy menace under consideration. At a recent meeting at which expert opinion was sought, it was decided to expedite the installation of wireless equipment on all vessels. This decision had been reached some time ago but due to various reasons, the installations were proceeding much slower than anticipated. Three vessels have so far been fitted, the latest being the str. Hain Kong which is at present in Shanghai and her apparatus will be effective within few days. Until she is so fitted, she will not leave on a voyage but will then be placed on a regular sailing programme together with other vessels to be immediately equipped.

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LOCAL WEDDING.

WELL-KNOWN SOLICITOR MARRIED YESTERDAY.

A wedding of considerable interest to the medical and legal fraternities was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Miss Elizabeth Gwen Williams, a nursing sister of the Medical Department, became the bride of Mr. Denis Henry Blake, of the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, by whom she was given away, was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory charmeuse, trimmed with old lace. She wore a veil of tulle, and a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of hyacinths.

In attendance on the bride were Miss Morrison and Miss Alwyn Owen Hughes, whose dresses were of blue georgette. Their bouquets were of pink roses.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones.

A reception was held at No. 1, St. John's Place, Mr. and Mrs. Blake later leaving for Fanning for the honeymoon which will be extended to Baguio.

SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

GEN. CHEUNG ARRIVES AT MUKDEN.

Peking, Nov. 27. The Ryan monoplane flown by Gen. Cheung Wel-cheung, of Canton, arrived at Mukden from Peking yesterday afternoon. Reuter.

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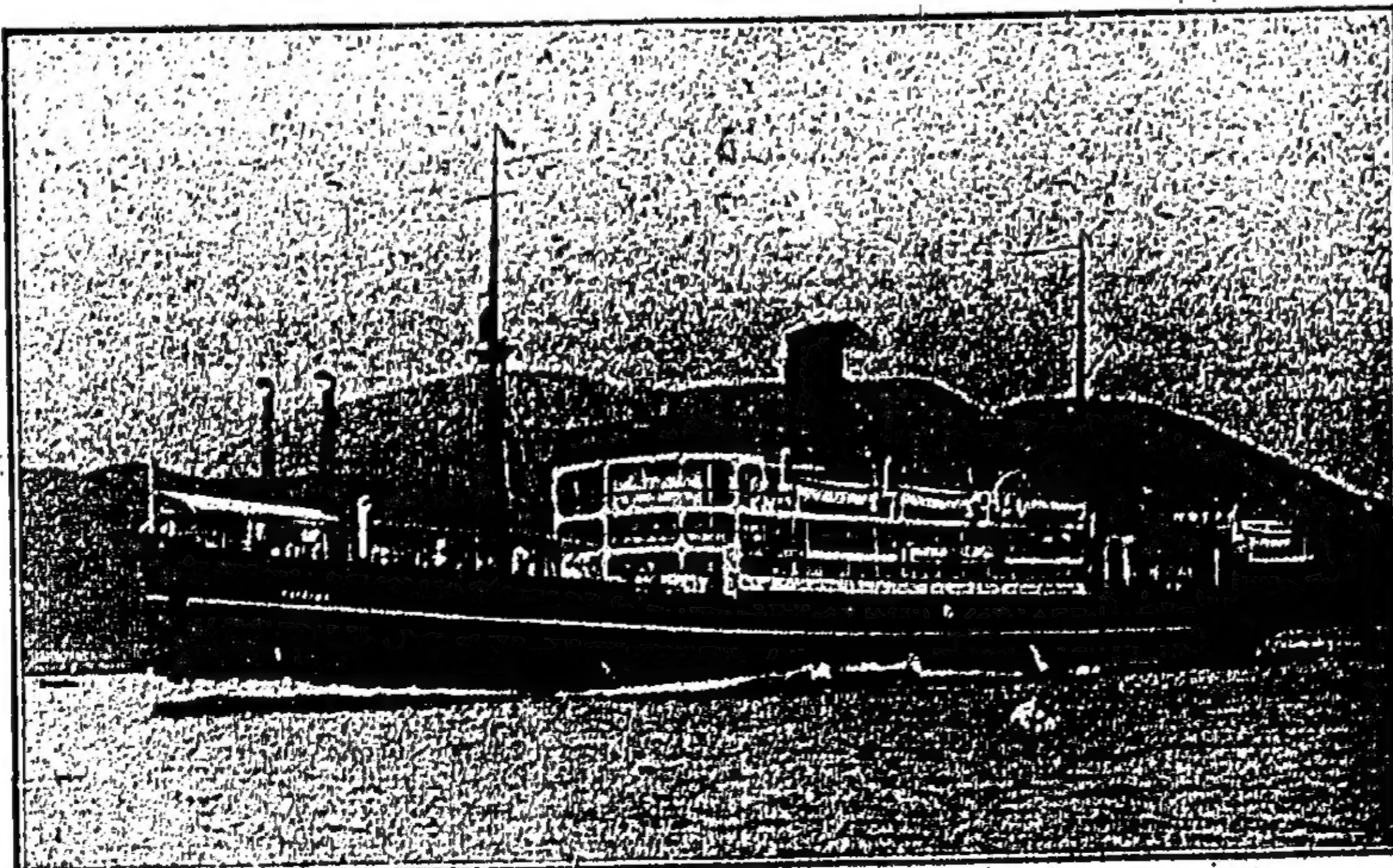
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PRISONER ESCAPES FROM DOCK.

GETS AWAY WITHOUT BEING OBSERVED.

KOWLOON INCIDENT.

The extraordinary discovery that a prisoner in the dock of the Kowloon Magistracy had disappeared was made during the hearing of several summonses yesterday and, notwithstanding a search of the precincts of the Court, the man was not re-arrested.

It appears that the prisoner, who had been brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones on a charge of larceny of several articles of clothing from No. 514, Shanghai Street, was remanded in police custody until this morning. Following the usual procedure of prisoners who are remanded in the custody of the police, the defendant was handed over to the charge of the constable who had effected the arrest.

After the disposal of the usual morning cases, the Magistrate had a large number of obstruction summonses to deal with, and, as in the ordinary course of the hearing of such cases, the offenders were lined up along both sides of the dock as well as in front.

The constable in charge of the prisoner on remand was also appearing in some of the summonses, so, for the sake of convenience, he put the prisoner back into the dock until such time as he had concluded all his cases.

Shortly after 11.30 a.m., when he was about to leave the Court, the constable went for his prisoner, but, to his surprise, he found that he was not in the dock. Exactly how the man made good his escape without being seen is not known, but it is presumed that he opened the door of the dock, and, behind the shelter of the defendants in the obstruction cases, gained his liberty.

When the case was mentioned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, Sergeant Clark informed his Worship that the prisoner had escaped and that the police were at present making enquiries into the matter.

It will be remembered that some two years or so ago, another prisoner made good his escape from the Kowloon Magistracy and was never re-captured.

MR. HOOVER'S TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA.

PUBLIC SPEECHES AT LA UNION & AMAPALA.
New York, Nov. 27.
Mr. Herbert Hoover received distinguished attention on his arrival to-day at La Union, Salvador, the U.S. President-Elect being accorded a wonderful reception.

Replying to an address of welcome, at Amapala yesterday Mr. Hoover declared that he was engaged on this tour of Central and South America in order that he might learn more of the common problems of the Western Hemisphere.

The knowledge gained, he hoped, might render him better fitted for his coming task.

Speaking at La Union, Mr. Hoover urged a free exchange of political education and scientific ideas among the American nations as a means of achieving an enduring basis of mutual respect.

Mr. Hoover afterwards left for Corinto, Nicaragua, and a late report states that he has arrived there.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Hoover on landing at Corinto was officially welcomed by President Diaz, ex-President Chamorro, and President-Elect Moncaon, and heartily greeted by a crowd.

Mr. Hoover afterwards entertained notable Nicaraguans on board H.M.S. Maryland.—*Reuter.*

THE REPARATIONS COMMITTEE.

MR. CHURCHILL REFUSES TO BE DRAWN.

London, Nov. 27.
Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the composition of the proposed Committee on Reparations.

He replied that the personnel and the terms of reference of the Committee had not been settled, and accordingly he was not in a position to make a statement. He might be able to give a reply next Monday, but there were five or six Governments to get into touch with.

Asked whether this Expert Committee would be appointed by the Reparations Commission under the terms of the Versailles Treaty or otherwise, Mr. Churchill said that was just one of those subjects on which it would be premature to give information.—*British Wireless.*

CHINA AND THE SOVIET.

DOES RECOGNITION HOLD GOOD?

INTERESTING POINT RAISED IN COURT.

SHANGHAI ACTION.

Shanghai, Nov. 22.
Whether or not diplomatic relations between China and Soviet Russia are broken off, and whether a State is allowed to bring an action in court, together with other interesting questions of international law, were argued by Dr. O. Fischer in the Provisional Court yesterday.

Dr. Fischer's appearance before Judge Ying was on behalf of his law firm, liquidators of the All Union Soviet Textile Syndicate, plaintiffs in an action against Mr. S. Heimann and Co. for Tls. 100,000, value of 536 bales of piece goods belonging to plaintiffs.

The latter alleged that the goods were stored in defendant's godowns before the exodus of the

PHILIPPINE TYPHOON DISASTER.

Death-Roll Now Estimated at Two Hundred.

HUGE PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Manila, Nov. 28.
The death-roll caused by the typhoon is mounting as reports come in, and is now estimated at 200, but communication with the stricken provinces is only possible by runners.

Four destroyers are leaving to-day to reinforce the Navy relief operations.

It is impossible to estimate the property and crop losses, but it is expected that the total will be several million pesos.—*Reuter.*

Reds from Shanghai in December last year, which defendant later refused to return to the Syndicate's liquidators according to Dr. Fischer. Mr. Heimann also brought a counter-claim for Tls. 114,000 against the Syndicate, estimated value of property belonging to him, which he claimed, was requisitioned by the Soviet Government some time ago.

Not Empowered?

The Syndicate was represented by Dr. F. Wilhelm and Dr. F. T. Cheng appeared for Mr. Heimann. The case for the defence, according to Dr. Fischer, was that it was an institute of the Soviet Government and as such was not empowered to bring action because, Dr. Fischer said, defence counsel had contended that there was a breach in the diplomatic relations between China and Soviet Russia.

Dr. Fischer contended that the Syndicate was not an institution of the present Russian Government, but only a corporation existing under Russian corporation laws to-day. He also declared that even if it was proved that the Syndicate was an institution of that government, and further if the relations between the two countries were actually strained, the Syndicate would still be entitled to bring action.

Recognition of Soviet.

Elaborating the argument on international law, Dr. Fischer pointed out that China had recognized Soviet Russia in 1924, and even assuming that there was a breach in diplomatic relations between the two countries, Soviet Russia could not now be denied jurisdiction in the Shanghai courts, and further that if her existence was once acknowledged by the Chinese Government, she would still have to be recognized to-day, even if there was a breach in the international relations of the two countries.

Dr. Fischer pointed out that Soviet Russia to-day was not hostile or at war with the Chinese Government. When he was in Moscow a few weeks ago, he saw the Chinese flag flying over the Chinese Embassy and met a number of Chinese officials from Nanking there.

Not State Institution.

In reply to the court's inquiry as to whether the Syndicate was a private organization, Dr. Fischer replied that it was a corporation and that the certificate of incorporation was issued by the Supreme Economic Council of Soviet Rus-

TOLL OF TWO GALE DISASTERS.

THIRTY-TWO DEAD IN LOSS OF ITALIAN SHIP.

VILLAGES SUBMERGED.

Amsterdam, Nov. 27.
The death-roll in Holland as the result of the devastating week-end gale is now placed at 58, thirty-two of which occurred in connexion with the wreck of the Italian steamer "Salento" which went aground near Zandvoort in the height of the storm and became a total loss.

The majority of the deaths occurred at sea, several being among the lifeboatmen, who went out gallantly to ships in distress.

From Ghent, Belgium, it is reported that as the result of the torrential rains which accompanied the terrible gale, serious floods have occurred in the low-lying regions around Termonde.

The villages of Grombergon and Moerske are completely under water, in some places to an extent of 65 inches.—*Reuter.*

Coffee Crop Ruined.

The coffee crop in the Cartago Province of Costa Rica, which fetches good prices in the London and Hamburg markets, where it is used for blending purposes, has been ruined by a storm which has stripped the trees.

The Government will probably have to re-establish the small growers financially.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN LABOUR & IMMIGRATION.

ANXIOUS TO EXTEND THE QUOTA SYSTEM.

New Orleans, Nov. 27.
The Executive Committee's report to the National Convention of the American Federation of Labour advocates an extension of the quota immigration system to Latin America, the West Indies, the Philippine Islands and Canada.

A motion was adopted at the request of the Detroit delegates opposing the "ruining of the 86" of the Department of Labour, under which it was stated that 20,000 men daily crossed the boundary between Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit to work at Detroit factories.—*Reuter's American Service.*

China, corresponding to the Ministry of Commerce in China.

The certificate, counsel asserted, was endorsed by the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow. If diplomatic relations between China and Soviet Russia had not been severed, counsel declared, he would ask the court to accept that document as conclusive proof that the Syndicate was a corporation and not a State institution, and not question it.

In Shanghai, counsel said, the Syndicate was under the supervision of the Soviet Trade Mission, and on January 11, his law firm received a letter from the yamen of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs enclosing a list of Soviet institutions whose offices were ordered to be closed up, together with two names of Soviet institutions which were allowed to carry on business. In that letter, Dr. Fischer declared, the name of the Syndicate did not appear.

Closed in Shanghai.

Questioned by the court as to why the Syndicate was closed in Shanghai, counsel stated that it was because of an application from the Provisional Court asking them to close their offices. The court he pointed out, acted without instructions from the National Government and issued sealing orders which they served on the Syndicate on application from the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Dr. Cheng's submission that hostility existed between the two countries, counsel said, was absolutely incorrect. The Soviet Embassy was still functioning in Peking and Harbin, having intercourse with Nationalist authorities.

A "Local Affair."

The most interesting part of counsel's address was when he declared that the incident of December last year and the consequent closing down of certain Soviet institutions here, was merely a local affair. The Soviet Consul was merely asked to leave and Soviet institutions ordered to suspend business.

It would not be correct, counsel said, to say that there was even a breach of intercourse between the two countries, but it could better be described as the interruption and suspension of local intercourse between the Chinese Government and the local Soviet Consul.

After further arguments the case was adjourned.

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